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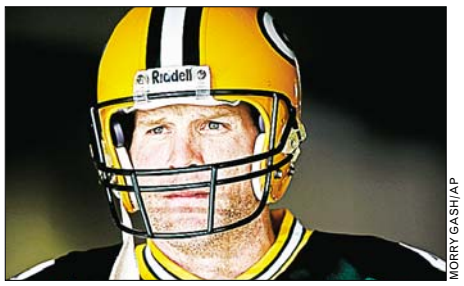

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Nats Stadium Starts to Feel Like Home

EVAN VUCCI/AP

FULL PLATE: Nationals President Stan Kasten lowers home plate into the field at the team's new ballpark in Southeast D.C. Tuesday during a ceremony that also involved the unveiling of the stadium's scoreboard. As fans flooded the team's Web site Tuesday, tickets for the home opener sold out in six minutes.

Retail Revival in Washington

Opening of Target a milestone for booming neighborhood

WASHINGTON | The shelves are fully stocked as the city's first Target store prepares to open Wednesday in a radically transforming neighborhood, reviving an area even McDonald's wasn't interested in as recently as 2001.

The chic discount retailer will anchor DC USA — the largest retail project in the nation's capital. The three-story urban shopping mall was heralded Tuesday as another sign of the city's revitalization following decades of neglect.

The $145 million mall in a densely populated and diverse section of Northwest D.C. also gives residents the kind of large-scale retailers they previously had to travel to the suburbs to patron, officials said. Besides Target, the complex will include such stores as Best Buy, Marshalls and Bed, Bath & Beyond, which will open in the coming weeks.

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty said the 500,000-square-foot project is both the "catalyst and the capstone" for nearly $1 billion of housing, retail and office development since 2001 in Columbia Heights — a neighborhood that was ravaged by riots 40 years ago following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

"The shopping experience will make living in this community more complete," said Fenty, who estimates D.C. loses $1 billion in retail sales each year to Maryland and Virginia. "The neighborhood is coming to life." BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

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Mr. I.P. Freely Called, Says He Approves

Beijing has the most public toilets of any city in the world. The city's 5,174 public toilets give it the No. 1 ranking in the world as it prepares to host the Olympic Games in August, said Lu Haijun, director of the Beijing Municipal Administration Commission. This is more public toilets than there are in New York, London or Tokyo. Beijing also produces as much rubbish per person as is produced in developed countries, meaning the city was using landfills planned for 2020 already. Beijing is cleaning up for the Olympics, and dirty toilets and local manners have been cited as concerns by Beijing Olympics officials. (AP)

EXPLOSIONS

Mischievous Kids Get Great Prank Idea

A Gentry, Ark., couple says a Stanley thermos they owned for a number of years exploded Tuesday, coating their apartment with a fine layer of charcoal dust. The thermos, the subject of a 2005 recall, had a weak handle. Walking through her home, Regina Bowers brushed a circle of the fine, black powder on her kitchen counter. She beat her sofa, sending a cloud of dust into the air. "I could never think a thermos could cause this much devastation," she said, putting the damage at about $9,000 (the dust got into her TV, computer and other electronics). She said Stanley has promised to help financially with damages. (AP)

MATT ROURKE/AP

TRENDS

Fresh, Floral, Freaky

Picture THIS atop a wedding cake. This arrangement, left, was created for the American Institute of Floral Designers at the Philadelphia Flower Show. We expect brides everywhere to be clamoring for fake green hair in their bouquets, with disembodied mannequin heads on every table. You heard it here first! (EXPRESS)

GROSS

All Bugs Are Sacred. Except Tics. And Lice.

An Eagle Rock, Calif., schoolteacher doesn't want any bugs squashed in her classroom, so she's appointed a student insect monitor to take bugs outside. Melodie Conrad's effort is getting praise from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, which is giving her its Compassionate Teacher Award. The teacher says there's simply too much violence in society, adding, "I just wanted to be careful that they're exposed to just the opposite in this room." Conrad says she wants to instill a sense of respect for life in her students. (AP)

Brain Imaging in Depression

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is conducting studies using Positron Emission Tomography (PET) & Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to better understand how the brain regulates emotion and how depression affects motivation. Studies are conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.

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GIRLS ONLY: Harvard University has banned men from one of its gyms for a few hours a week to accommodate Muslim women who say it offends their sense of modesty to exercise in front of the opposite sex. The policy has sparked debate on campus.

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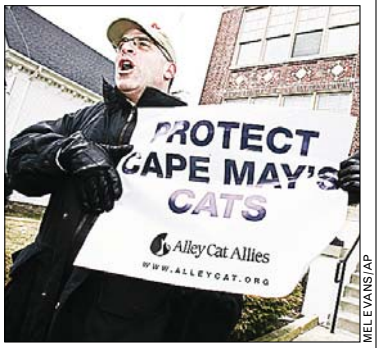
In Brief



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Stuart Rosen protests on Tuesday outside Cape May City Hall in New Jersey.

CAPE MAY, N.J.

Council Approves Plan To Protect Birds From Cats

Having learned a lesson about the birds and the beach, this Victorian seaside resort adopted a compromise plan Tuesday to protect both by keeping cats away from them. After nearly a year of conflict that pitted cat lovers against bird lovers in one of North America's prime bird-watching spots, the City Council approved a plan to move feral cat colonies 1,000 feet away from the beach. The move is designed to protect endangered shore birds. (AP)

WASHINGTON

House Committee to Issue Subpoena Over Beef Recall

House lawmakers are expected Wednesday to order the head of the company responsible for the largest beef recall in U.S. history to appear before Congress. The subpoena, if approved, comes a little more than a week after the Westland/Hallmark Meat Co. chief executive, Steve Mendell, didn't show up to testify at a congressional hearing on food safety. Several food company executives were invited. (AP)

TUCSON, ARIZ.

Arizona Lawmaker Pleads Not Guilty in Federal Case

Rep. Rick Renzi, R-Ariz., pleaded not guilty Tuesday to all charges in a federal indictment accusing him of abusing his office for financial gain and for raising campaign funds by embezzling insurance premiums collected by his family's firm. Renzi was arraigned on charges including wire fraud, insurance fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, extortion and money laundering. (AP)

Cancer Risk Remains After Therapy

But heart ailments ease for women who stop taking hormone

CHICAGO | The first follow-up of a landmark study of hormone use after menopause shows heart problems linked with the pills seem to fade after women stop taking them, while surprising new cancer risks appear.

That heart trouble associated with hormones may not be permanent is good news for millions of women who quit taking them after the government study was halted six years ago because of heart risks and breast cancer.

But the new risks for other cancers, particularly lung tumors, in women who'd taken estrogen-progestin pills for about five years puzzled the researchers and outside experts.

Those risks "were completely unanticipated," said Dr. Gerardo Heiss of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, lead author of the follow-up analysis.

The analysis focused on participants' health in the first two to three years after the study's end. During that time, those who'd taken hormones but stopped were 24 percent more likely to develop any kind of cancer than women who'd taken dummy pills during the study.

The cancers included breast tumors, which also occurred more frequently in hormone users during the study.

The researchers noted that the increased risks for all cancers amounted to only three extra cases per year for every 1,000 women on hormone pills, compared with nonusers.

Still, Heiss said the results suggest that former hormone users need to be vigilant about getting cancer screening including mammograms. "Vigilance is justified," he said. "No alarm, but vigilance."

LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

USE IN MODERATION

→ The study's authors said the new results send the same message they've been advocating ever since the study ended: Health risks from estrogen-progestin pills outweigh their benefits, and they should be used only in low doses, for short durations, to relieve hot flashes and other symptoms of menopause.

KIICHIRO SATO/AP

Voters cast their ballots in the primary election Tuesday in Ohio. The state will be an election battleground come November.

Ohio Voters Could Be Crucial in Nov.

Presidential election will be hard-fought in Midwest bellwether

COLUMBUS, OHIO | The presidential spotlight shines on this Midwestern state every four years, and for good reason. As Ohio goes, so goes the nation — at least for the past 44 years.

Given the storied history and high stakes, it's easy to see why Ohio, in primaries and general elections alike, always seems to host races that are hard-fought, if not determinative. This year is shaping up as more of the same.

"You're going to grow probably weary of seeing me in Ohio," likely GOP nominee John McCain told voters last week as he campaigned throughout the state. He mentioned at every turn that no Republican has ever won the White House without winning Ohio.

Not to be outdone, Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton — Democrats competing for the chance to face the Arizona senator — repeatedly played to Ohio's pride of having chosen the eventual president in every election starting in 1964.

Republicans, Democrats and independent analysts expect a neck-and-neck contest again for the state's 20 electoral votes in November. Ohio tipped the election to President Bush four years ago, and could be poised for another high-profile role. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

Officials: Iran Aiding Insurgents

U.S. lawmaker says Ahmadinejad's visit to Iraq is 'offensive'

WASHINGTON | Military officials accused Iran on Tuesday of continuing to train and arm insurgents in Iraq, while U.S. lawmakers said they were disappointed that Baghdad opened up its doors to the Islamic Republic's top leader.

"I think it's offensive," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's two-day trip to Iraq this week.

Iraq has "got every right to invite whomever they want. They're sovereign. But we have a right to express an opinion about it," added Levin.

Senior military commanders say Iran continues to provide powerful bombs to Shiite militias in Iraq.

"We have no doubt they are still supporting insurgents," said Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the former No. 2 military commander in Iraq.

Adm. William Fallon, the top commander of troops in the Middle East, echoed these remarks in a Senate hearing at which he said Iran was fanning the flames of global terrorism. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

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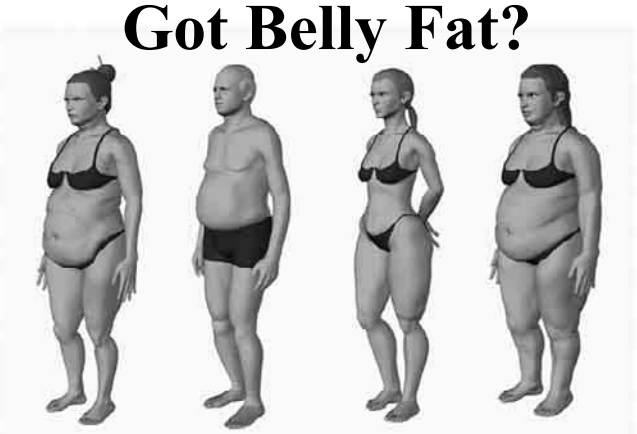
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Tenn. Deaths Baffle Police

Authorities have no suspects after finding 6 dead in Memphis

MEMPHIS, TENN. | Police were trying Tuesday to reconstruct what happened inside a small brick home were six people were found brutally killed. But answers were hard to find: They had no suspects, few clues and no apparent motive.

The bodies of two men, two women and two children were found at the home when police forced their way inside Monday night. Authorities believed the killer or killers fled, but knew little more.

"We're working with a blank sheet of paper," police spokeswoman Monique Martin told reporters at a news conference.

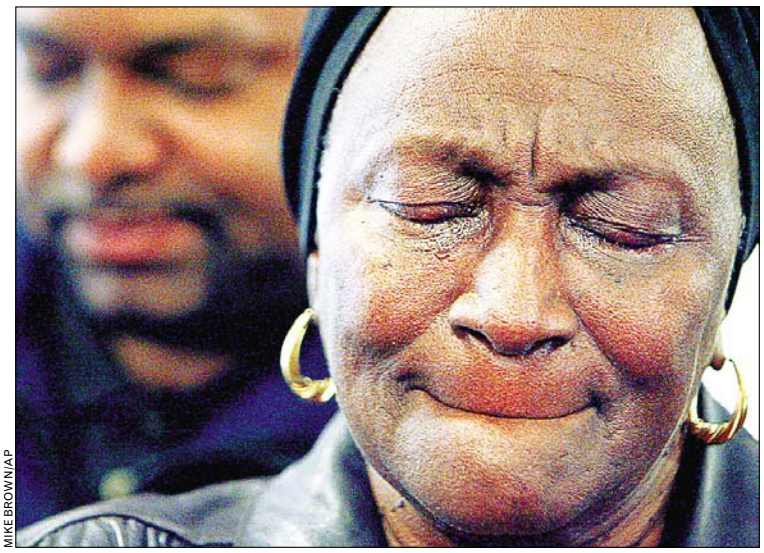
The killings stunned the working-class neighborhood about six miles from downtown Memphis.

About 30 people gathered nearby to pray for the victims, including three children who survived the attack. One was in serious condition, while two others were considered extremely critical, police said.

"This is a breach in our community, and we as a church are the repairers of that breach," First Baptist Church member Cheri Wells said. "I feel a sense of vulnerability, I feel pain and hurt. ... Our peace has been snatched from us."

Police begged community members with information to come forward.

"The most important thing ... is we need the community's help," Lt. Joe Scott said. WOODY BAIRD (AP)


MIKE BROWN/AP
Zella Cathey weeps with members of the Binghampton community Tuesday during a prayer service for the attack victims at First Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn.

Somalia Missile Strike Targeted Embassy Suspect

WASHINGTON | A U.S. missile strike in Somalia on Monday targeted a Kenyan suspected in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, officials said Tuesday.

The Navy was going after Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan when it launched at least two Tomahawk missiles from a submarine off the coast of the East African nation, a Pentagon and FBI official said.

"Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan is on the FBI's "seeking information list" and is wanted by the FBI for questioning in connection with the 2002 attacks at the Paradise Hotel and the unsuccessful surface to air missile attack against an Israeli airliner in Kenya," said FBI spokesman Richard Kolko.

The list consists of subjects the FBI would like to talk to, while the Most Wanted Terrorist list is suspects who have been indicted. (AP)

California High Court Takes Up Gay Marriage

Constitutionality of voter-approved ban of practice questioned

SAN FRANCISCO | The national gay marriage debate shifted to California on Tuesday as the state's highest court heard more than 3½ hours of arguments about the constitutionality of a voter-approved law banning same-sex marriage.

Gay rights advocates sued to overturn the ban four years ago after the court halted a months-long same-sex wedding spree that saw thousands of couples marry at City Hall in San Francisco.

"I think I speak for everybody when I say that this has been a long time coming and a day that has been eagerly anticipated," said City Attorney Dennis Herrera, who is representing the city in a lawsuit supporting gay marriage.

The seven justices asked whether California already protects the civil rights of gay and lesbian couples through domestic partnerships. They also wanted to know whether a ruling 60 years ago legalizing interracial marriages in the state gave them a precedent for striking down the same-sex marriage ban. LISA LEFF (AP)

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California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George hears arguments.

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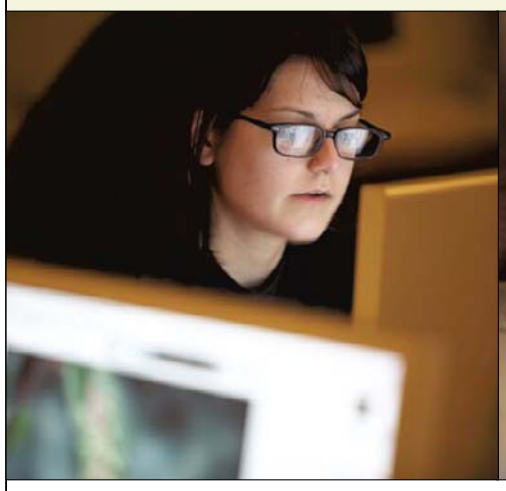

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"This is a process that always has two steps forward and one step back. We just need to make sure that it's just one step back."

—**President Bush**, who says there's still "plenty of time" to work out a Mideast peace deal

iPod Crime Wave Theory Debated

Some researchers say the device is fueling a rise in violent offenses

BOSTON | It's easy to see why iPods would be alluring targets for criminals: The music players are valuable and easy to resell, and people absorbed in their personal soundtracks can be vulnerably oblivious to their surroundings.

But could the temptation for stealing iPods be so strong that they're behind an increase in the crime rate? Researchers at a public policy institute say yes.

They argue that the tantalizing gadgets are perhaps the main reason U.S. violent crime rose in 2005 and 2006 after declining every year since 1991 — although a close look at the findings suggests the hypothesis has holes.

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Customers at an Apple Store wear headphones as they test out various iPod models. A Washington think tank claims the devices fueled a crime rate increase.

The Urban Institute, a Washington think tank, first raised the subject of an "iCrime wave" last September and held a panel discussion Tuesday to explore it further.

A key point in the Urban Institute's argument is that the number of robberies had declined dramatically since the 1990s but jumped in 2005 and 2006. FBI statistics show the robbery rate went from 137 per 100,000 people in 2004 to 141 per 100,000 in 2005 and 149 in 2006.

During those years, iPods were going mainstream. By the end of 2005, Apple had sold 42 million of the gadgets, and in 2006 the number neared 90 million.

One widely accepted theory holds that crime happens when three things come together: A motivated offender encounters a suitable victim and perceives a high chance of getting away with it. And the Urban Institute researchers believe the sudden prevalence of iPods increased all three factors.

Furthering this idea, the rate for robberies by juveniles increased during this "iCrime Wave" to a much greater degree than the rate for adults, Urban Institute researcher John Roman pointed out. And if economic woes could explain the jump, Roman doesn't believe the overall rates of property crimes would have dropped in '05 and '06, as they did.

But there are reasons to doubt the i-Pod crime theory. For one, homicides also increased in this same span, albeit slightly, from 5.5 per 100,000 people to 5.6 in 2005 and 5.7 in 2007. Since crime trends are often murky, whatever caused the bump in homicides might also explain the rise in robberies.

It's also curious that the 2005-06 crime increases were highest in small and midsize cities — places with less-dense pedestrian traffic, let alone teeming subways.

Also, some stolen iPods might fall into the category of larceny — a theft without force — and larcenies dropped in '05 and '06.

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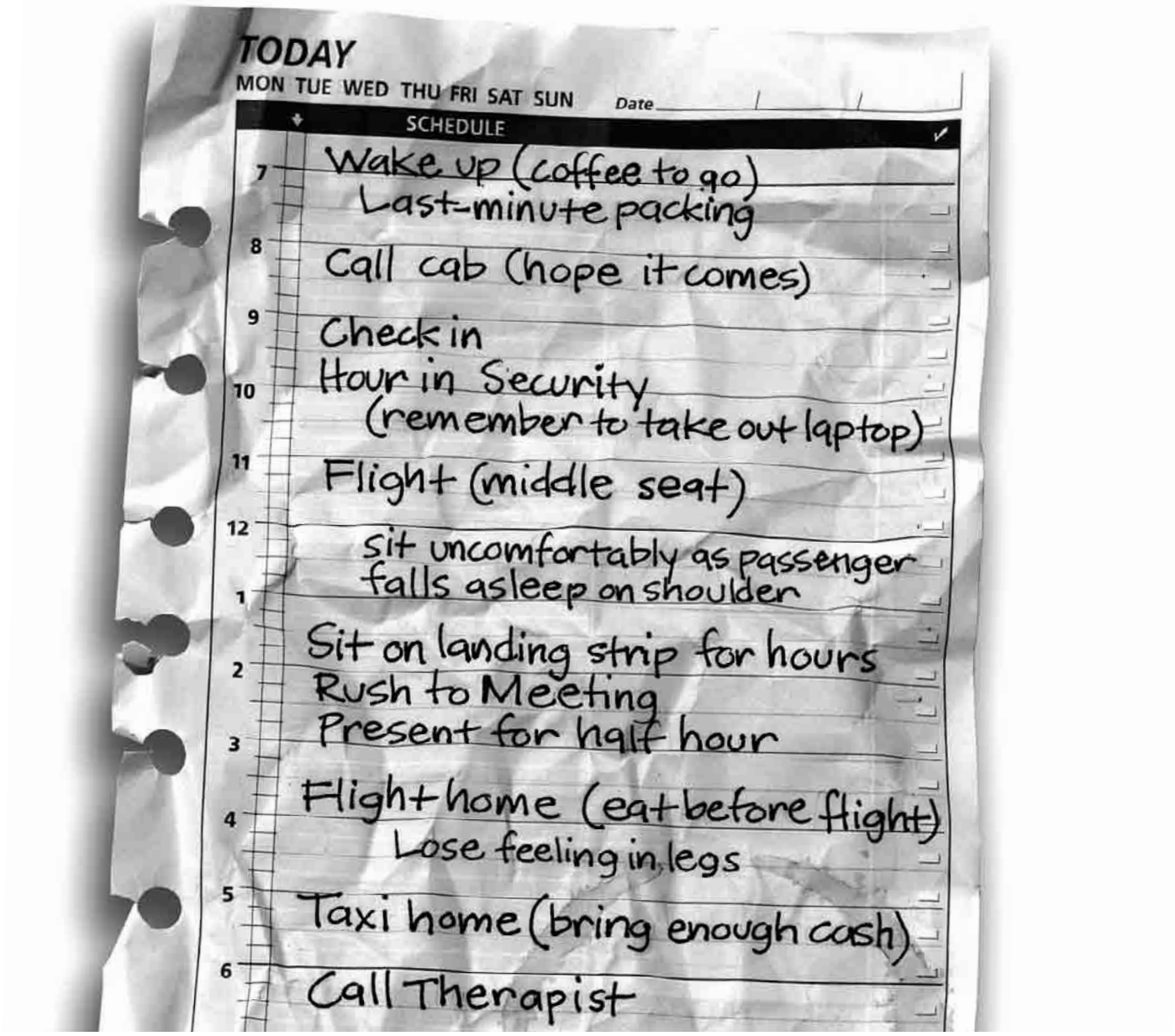

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World

Tensions Rise Over Colombia Strike

Venezuela, Ecuador send troops to reinforce international borders

CUCUTA, COLOMBIA | Venezuela moved troops toward Colombia and turned away cargo trucks at border crossings on Tuesday as tensions mounted over Colombia's strike on a leftist rebel base in Ecuador.

Ecuador also reinforced its border with more troops and sought international condemnation of the attack, which killed a top commander of Colombia's main rebel group and 22 other guerrillas.

Colombia said documents found at the rebel base showed the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia were trying to acquire radioactive material that could be used for dirty bombs — and that Venezuela and Ecuador had deepening ties with the FARC. Venezuelan and Ecuador said Colombia was lying.

The Organization of American States held an emergency meeting in Washington to try to calm one of the region's worst political showdowns in years. Colombia apologized for the attack, but Ecuador wasn't satisfied, calling for OAS to investigate.

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe said the International Criminal Court should try Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for "genocide" for allegedly financing FARC. Yet, Uribe said he would not allow his nation to be drawn into war.

President Bush accused Chavez of "provocative maneuvers" and said the U.S. supports Colombia.

TOBY MUSE (AP)

COLOMBIA'S MIGHT

A look at the military strength of U.S.-backed Colombia (figures include army, navy, air force):

- Regular troops: 254, 300
- Reservists: 61,900
- National police (many combat-trained, equipped): 136,000
- Hardware: 115 combat-capable aircraft, four surface combat ships
- Defense budget in 2007: $5.1 billion (AP)

N. Ireland Leader to Step Down

Protestant preacher Paisley embraced peace with Roman Catholics

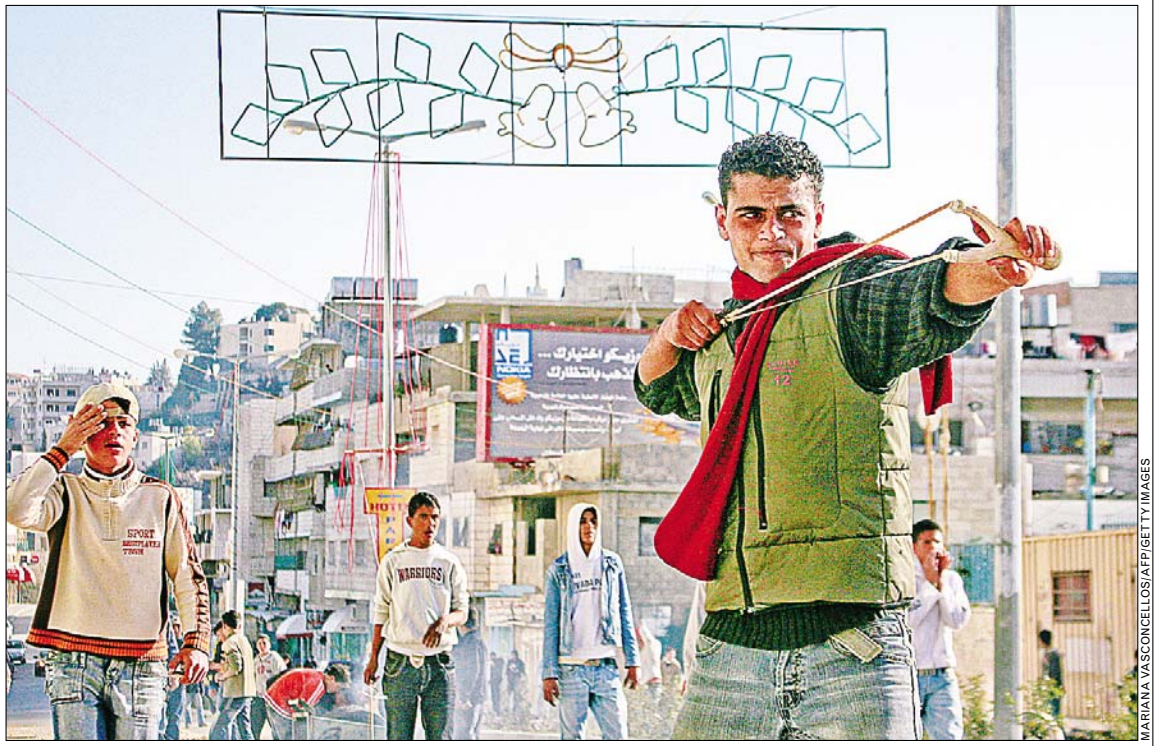
BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND | Ian Paisley, the fiery Protestant preacher who reversed a lifetime of stubbornness to embrace an unlikely peace, announced his retirement Tuesday as leader of Northern Ireland's power-sharing government with Roman Catholics.

Paisley

Paisley said he would quit in May as first minister of the 10-month-old coalition and as leader of the Democratic Unionists, the party he founded 37 years ago on a platform of thwarting compromise with the Catholic minority in this British territory.

Analysts called his decision the long-expected end of an era. Speculation had swirled for months that Paisley, 81 and physically faltering, would end his run as Northern Ireland's most enduring politician.

Paisley faced growing rumbles from the most extreme wing of Protestants, who joined him in marching against the 1960s Catholic civil rights movement. SHAWN POGATCHNIK (AP)



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A Palestinian uses his slingshot during clashes with Israelis in the Azza Refugee Camp in Bethlehem, Israel, on Tuesday.

Abbas Rebuffs U.S. Push for Peace

Palestinian president says Israeli strikes in Gaza are unacceptable

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | The U.S.-backed Palestinian president rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to end a walkout on peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable under any circumstance.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution, while defending Israel's right to seek out militants who use the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel.

She won no public promise that Palestinians would end their boycott soon. Abbas was not expected to relent before Rice leaves the Middle East on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, militants hit a house in the town of Sderot, causing no injuries but extensive damage.

Israeli forces responded by launching several air and ground strikes on rocket squads and Hamas installations Tuesday, killing one militant and wounding another, Hamas said. The body of a Palestinian militant was also found near the Gaza-Israel border. Medics said it was not clear when the man had been killed.

After nightfall Israeli forces entered southern Gaza to arrest suspected militants. In clashes between soldiers and armed militants, a 1-month-old baby was killed and 11 people were wounded. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

In Brief

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Rescue workers survey the aftermath of bombings at a Lahore naval college.

LAHORE, PAKISTAN

Successive Suicide Blasts Kill 4 at Naval College

Two suicide bombers blew themselves up at a naval college on Tuesday, killing four people and underlining the security challenge facing the winners of Pakistan's landmark elections. The bombers rode up to the gate of the college's parking lot on a motorcycle. The passenger dismounted and destroyed the gate with a bomb, allowing his accomplice to ride inside and unleash a much more powerful blast, said police chief Malik Iqbal. (AP)

MOSCOW

Russia Deepens Cuts in Ukraine Natural Gas Supply

Russia and Ukraine are locked in a natural gas dispute that has reduced the supply to Ukraine by at least half since the beginning of the week. After Russia's state-controlled natural gas monopoly announced the second supply cut in two days Tuesday, Ukraine's natural gas company said there are no immediate plans to divert Europe-bound gas to Ukrainian customers, but held out the possibility it could do so if reserves run low. (AP)

BAGHDAD

American Soldier Is Killed In Helicopter Crash in Iraq

An Iraqi military helicopter crashed in northern Iraq, killing an American soldier and seven other people, the U.S. military said Tuesday. The Russian-made M-17 helicopter was found Tuesday, a day after it was reported missing. The Iraqi Defense Ministry said the aircraft got caught in bad weather. All eight people on the helicopter died, said military spokesman Lt. Michael Street. (AP)

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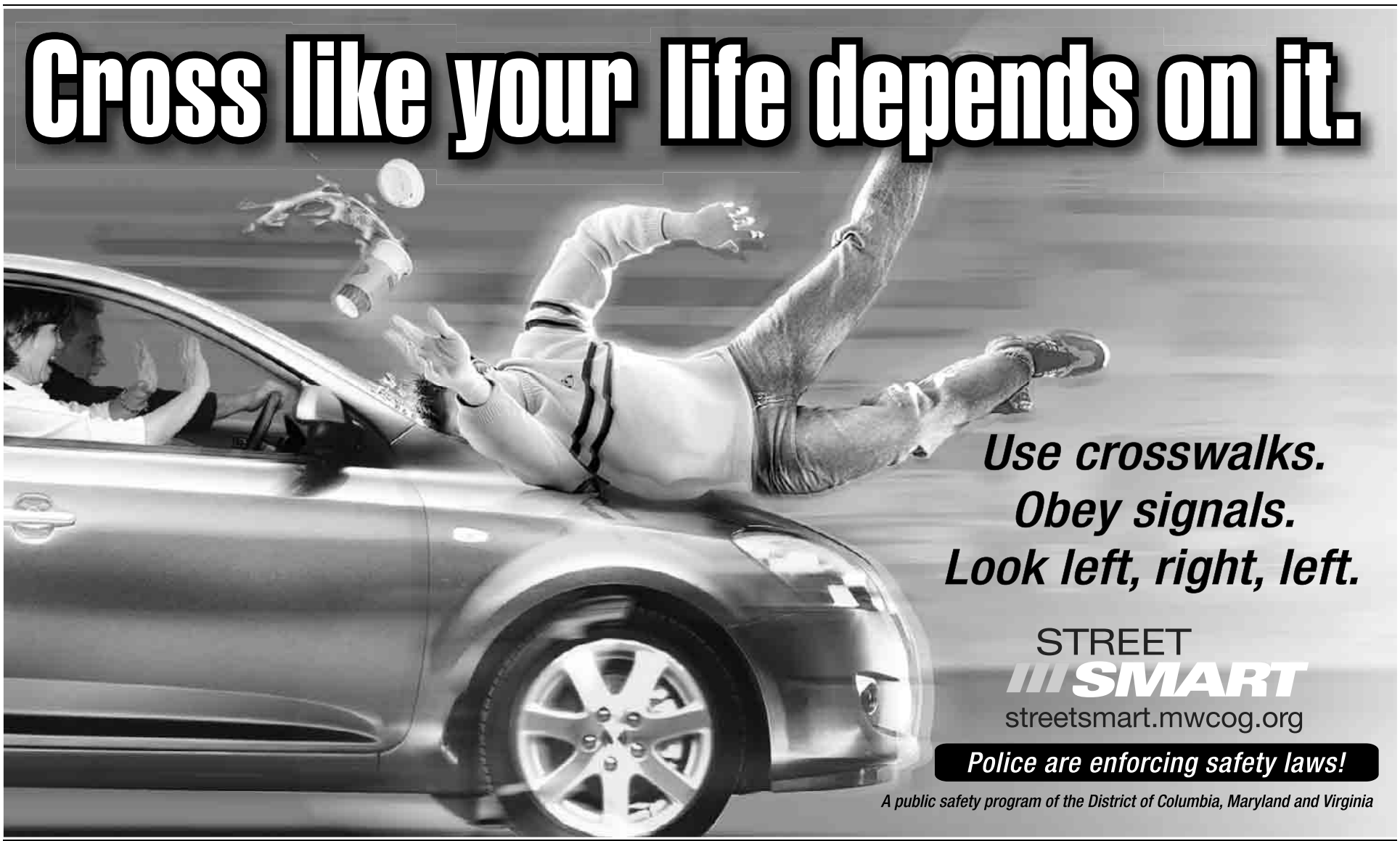

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HIGH ON A MOUNTAIN? Moses was on drugs when he heard God deliver the Ten Commandments, an Israeli researcher claims in a new study. Benny Shanon, a cognitive psychology professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, wrote that mind-altering substances formed an integral part of Israelites' lives in biblical times, Agence France-Press reported Tuesday.

Candidate Thanks Obama, Japan

Fishing town gets note from U.S. presidential hopeful of same name

OBAMA, JAPAN | Obama has finally thanked Obama.

The fishing town of Obama in central Japan recently won worldwide fame for its fervent support for U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama. The town's citizens have made headbands, T-shirts and sweet bean cakes decorated with his portrait. The town's mayor even sent gifts.

On the eve of crucial primaries in Texas and Ohio, the mayor of Obama the town was all smiles after hearing from Obama the man.

Mayor Toshio Murakami said Tuesday he received a letter a day earlier from Obama in response to a letter, a DVD and lacquerware chopsticks he sent the candidate more than a year ago.

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Hotel receptionists in Obama, Japan, show their support for Barack Obama.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the city of Obama for your support and encouragement and thank you for your thoughtful gift," the Democratic front-runner wrote in a letter mailed from Washington carrying a Feb. 25 postmark.

> **The town's citizens have made headbands, T-shirts and sweet bean cakes decorated with [Obama's] portrait.**

"We share more than a common name," Obama wrote. "We share a common planet and common responsibility. I look forward to a future marked by the continued friendship of our two great nations and shared commitment to a better, freer world."

Town officials said they believed the letter was genuine, although they had not verified it. They said they were concerned that it would be impolite to ask the candidate's office.

Sadakazu Tsubouchi, a city hall official, said the address on the letter was the same as the mayor's gift had been sent to, and that the Obama letter bore a handwritten signature.

"I have the impression that he is sincere," the mayor said at a press conference. "Once the people of Obama have learned about the letter, I am sure they will feel more friendly to him and cheer for the candidate."

The town of Obama — "Little Beach" in Japanese — is 250 miles west of Tokyo. MIKI TODA (AP)

Iran: New U.N. Sanctions Are 'Worthless'

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran vowed to push ahead with uranium enrichment Tuesday, a day after the U.N. Security Council passed a third round of sanctions that Tehran called "worthless" and politically biased.

The council approved the measures in a 14-0 vote, but unity among major powers faltered Tuesday when Russia and China blocked an attempt by Western nations to introduce a resolution on Iran's nuclear defiance at a meeting of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

The sanctions approved Monday ordered a freeze on assets of additional Iranian officials and companies with links to the country's nuclear and missile programs, and banned trade with Iran in goods that have civilian and military uses. (AP)

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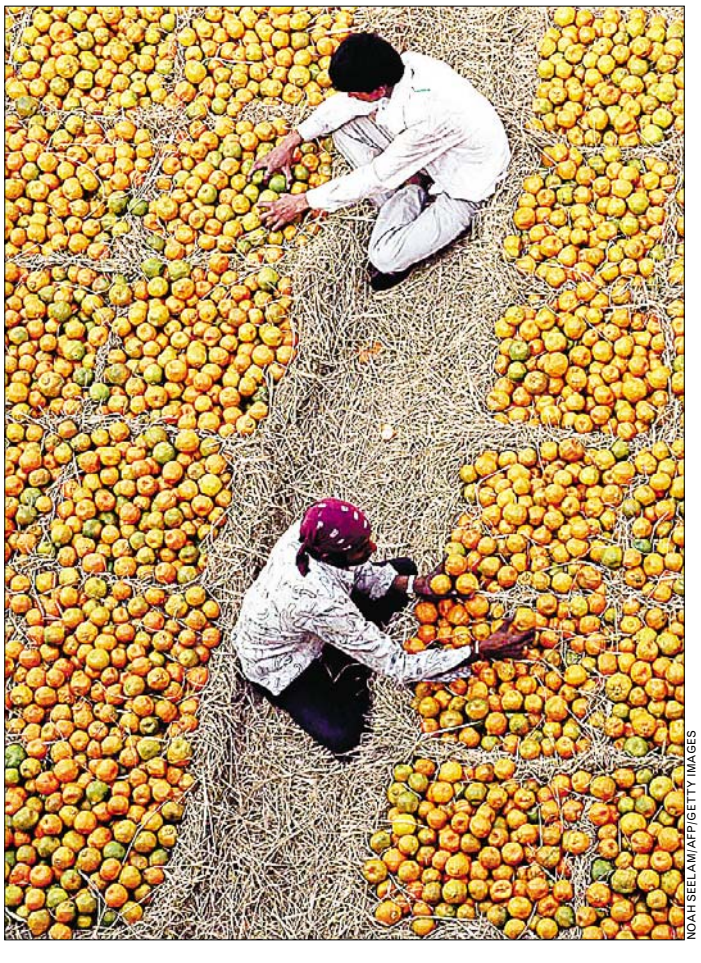

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ORANGES APLENTY: Workers sort oranges in Hyderabad, India, on Tuesday. Analysts say India, which produces most of its own food, has so far avoided the major increases in food prices that other nations are facing.

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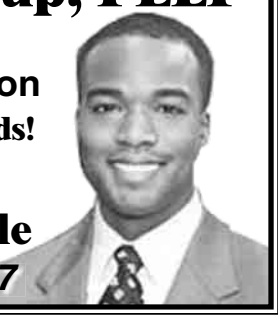

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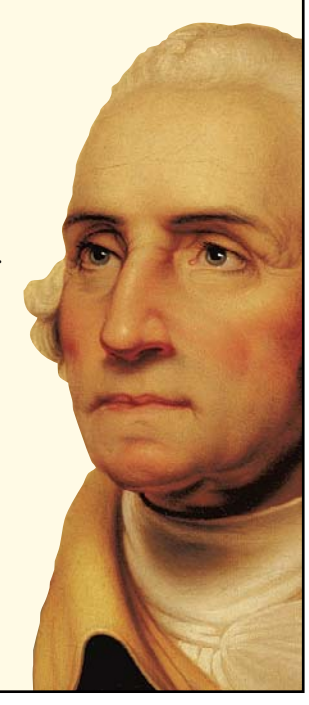

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Local

Hidden Key Found on Jailed Officer

Former Pr. George's official awaits sentence for delivery shootings

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | Prince George's County jail officers found a hidden handcuff key in the shirt of a jailed former police officer awaiting sentencing in the shooting of two furniture deliverymen, prosecutors said Tuesday.

According to court records, the key was seized from Keith Washington on Thursday.

Washington was convicted last month of involuntary manslaughter, assault and other charges in the January 2007 shooting of two men at his Accokeek home. One of the men, 22-year-old Brandon Clark, died, while his co-worker, Robert White, was seriously injured.

Washington had been a police corporal and was deputy director of the Prince George's homeland security department.

County prosecutors are using the alleged incident to oppose Washington's request that he be placed on home detention before his April 23 sentencing. They say it shows Washington is a flight risk.

Washington

"I thought this kind of occurrence only happened on shows like 'Prison Break.' Evidently not," Prince George's State's Attorney Glenn Ivey said in a statement relayed by a spokesman.

A lawyer for Washington did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

Corrections officers allegedly found the key while Washington was being moved from the county detention center to a jail in Calvert County.

During a strip search before the transport, he refused to let go of his prison shirt, according to court filings. Officers wrenched it from him to discover the key in a pocket. Washington allegedly said he had found the key two hours earlier. (AP)

Teacher Bonus Plan Is Unveiled

Pr. George's teachers could earn up to $10K above base salaries

Prince George's County education and labor leaders unveiled a long-awaited pilot program Tuesday morning that will offer teachers and administrators at 12 schools incentive pay for good work performance.

The voluntary program, named Financial Incentive Rewards for Supervisors and Teachers, or FIRST, will allow teachers to earn as much as $10,000 above their base salary for improving the performance of their students, teaching in hard-to-staff schools and subjects, and participating in evaluations and professional development.

Principals and assistant principals will be able to earn up to $12,500 and $11,000, respectively.

County education leaders hope the offer of extra pay will help Prince George's to recruit talented teachers and attract the best teachers and administrators to academically struggling schools.

The program is funded by a $17.1 million grant from the federal government. While it begins next school year at 12 elementary, middle and high schools, Superintendent John E. Deasy said he hopes to expand the program to the entire school system in succeeding years.

NELSON HERNANDEZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Gov. Kaine Vetoes Va. Gun Bills

RICHMOND, VA. | Two bills that could have resulted in more concealed weapons in cars and restaurants were vetoed Tuesday by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, who cited safety concerns and the objections of law enforcement officials.

One of the bills would allow people who don't have a concealed weapons permit to transport a gun in a locked glove box or other interior compartment of a vehicle.

The other would allow permit holders to carry concealed weapons into restaurants and bars as long as they didn't drink alcohol while doing so. Currently, guns must be visible when carried into a restaurant.

"This measure runs contrary to existing state law regarding concealed weapon permits, allowing persons who have not completed a criminal background check, and who are untrained with a handgun, to possess a firearm in a concealed manner within a locked compartment in their automobiles," Kaine said in a written statement.

"It also presents a danger to our law enforcement officers, who risk their lives for Virginians on a daily basis while patrolling our commonwealth's roads and highways. The objections of law enforcement to this measure are compelling." (AP)

ARLINGTON, VA. | SINGING BRINGS HAPPINESS

GIULIANA NAKASHIMA / TWP

SEASONED SINGERS: Suzanne Bush, left, and Joan Mason, right, listen to the rhythm before continuing to sing during the Langston Brown Senior Center Encore Chorale's rehearsal Tuesday in Arlington, Va. The nonprofit organization Encore Creativity for Older Adults believes that singing in a group can enhance seniors' lives. The Arlington County Office of Senior Adult Programs provides rehearsal and performance space for the singing group.

Park Police Chief Removed as Head

U.S. Park Police Chief Dwight E. Pettiford was removed from operational command of the troubled force today, while the Interior Department assesses his suitability to continue as chief, officials said Tuesday afternoon.

Pettiford will continue to hold the title of chief and will still be in uniform, National Park Service spokesman David Barna said. But actual command of the force is being taken over by an acting police chief, Salvatore R. Lauro, a former Park Police major who once commanded its special forces branch, Barna said.

The action comes a month after an Interior Department inspector general's report said Park Police have failed to adequately protect such landmarks as the Statue of Liberty, the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument and are plagued by low morale, poor leadership and bad organization.

MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, March 4

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-7-1
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	4-6-8
Mid-day DC 4	8-6-9-5
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	3-6-6-0
Rolling Cash Five (Mon.)	12-14-22-23-33
Daily 6 (Mon.)	1-4-8-16-28-31 Bonus: 14

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	6-3-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	2-4-6
Mid-day Pick 4	0-6-8-2
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	5-1-5-2
Match 5 (Mon.)	6-14-32-33-38 Bonus: 1

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	0-6-8
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	8-7-0
Mid-day Pick 4	4-3-6-7
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	4-5-2-2
Mid-day Cash 5	12-26-29-32-33
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	4-15-24-31-34

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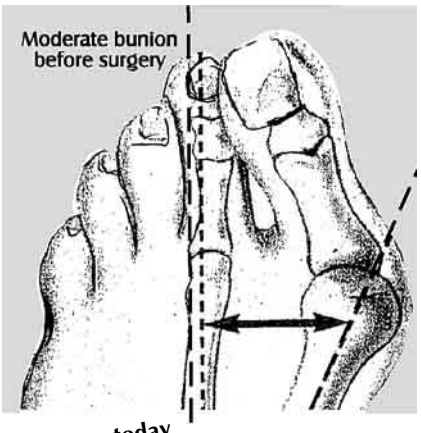

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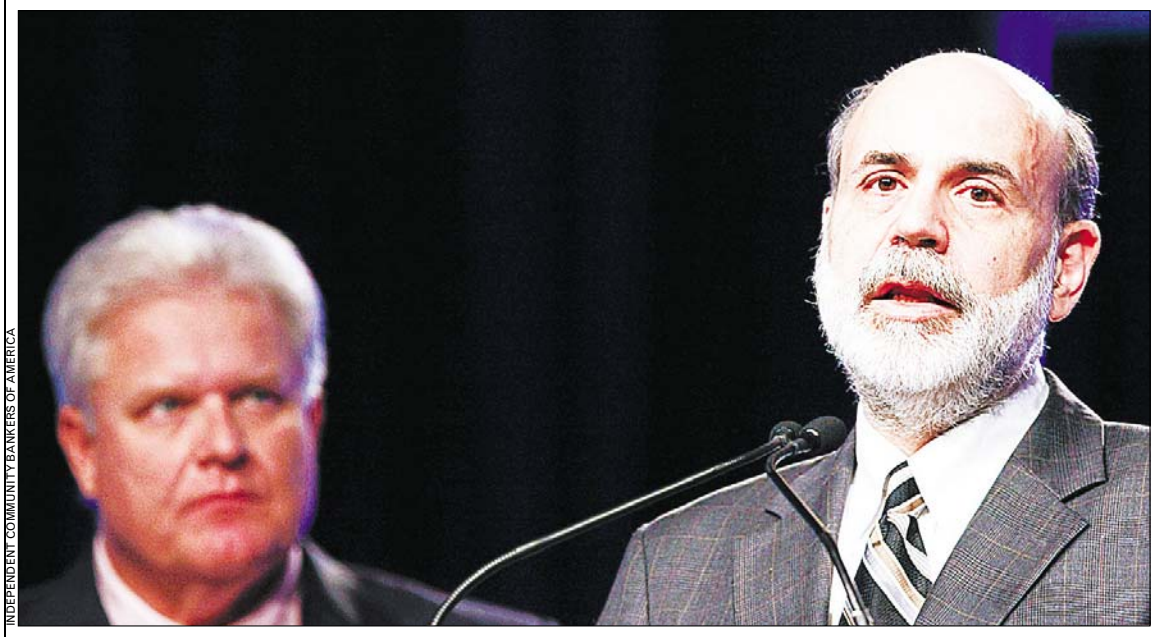

INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY BANKERS OF AMERICA

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, right, said late payments on home mortgages will likely continue to rise "for a while."

Fed Chief Urges Home Aid

Bernanke says lenders aren't doing enough to prevent foreclosures

WASHINGTON | Battling a dangerous wave of home foreclosures, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke called Tuesday for additional relief and urged lenders to help distressed owners by lowering the amount of their loans.

"This situation calls for a vigorous response," Bernanke said in a speech to a banking group meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Even with some relief efforts under way by industry and government, foreclosures and late payments on home mortgages are likely to rise "for a while longer," Bernanke warned.

Rising foreclosures threaten to worsen the problems in the housing market and for the national economy, which many fear is on the verge of a recession or in one already.

"Reducing the rate of preventable foreclosures would promote economic stability for households, neighborhoods and the nation as a whole," Bernanke said. "Although lenders and servicers have scaled up their efforts and adopted a wider variety of loss-mitigation techniques, more can, and should, be done," the Fed chief said.

Tom Loonan, vice president of the State Bank of Easton in Minnesota, suggested that debt relief for some who got in over their heads may anger others, who took out mortgages that they could afford. "There's going to be some animosity," he said. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
StdPac	4.42	+.51	+13.0
LeapFrog	6.52	+.72	+12.4
NtwkEq	5.83	+.53	+10.0
AmAxle	21.61	+1.85	+9.4
ABM	21.66	+1.78	+9.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
JacksnHew	13.68	-6.61	-32.6
NCI Bld	23.54	-5.70	-19.5
Thornbg	3.56	-.76	-17.6
VeraSun	7.75	-1.18	-13.2
Head NV	2.48	-.34	-12.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
STEN	4.48	+1.37	+44.2
ComCntrl	6.68	+1.00	+17.6
SunHyd s	25.40	+3.74	+17.3
VermIln hrs	5.16	+.76	+17.3
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Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TesseraT	14.07	-8.99	-39.0
ObagiMed	10.11	-4.72	-31.8
LibMCapB s	17.20	-6.00	-25.9
LibMCapA s	17.46	-5.80	-24.9
Theravnce	12.25	-3.97	-24.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.00	6.00
Fed Funds close	2.88	2.88
3-month disc	1.60	2.08
2-year	1.59	2.02
10-year	3.58	3.86
30-year	4.48	4.66

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5035	.5039	.5146
Canadian Dollar	.9959	.9926	1.1767
European Euro	.6575	.6582	.7581
Japanese Yen	103.14	103.18	116.75
Mexican Peso	10.7235	10.7065	11.2072
Taiwanese Dollar	30.91	31.08	32.93

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-45.10	+1.68	-4.59
-0.37	+0.07	-0.34
12213.80	2260.28	1326.75

Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
CBS B	22.67	-.25	-16.8
ClearChan	31.75	+.10	-8.0
Comcast	19.98	-.02	+9.4
Comc spcl	19.73	-.05	+8.9
DirecTV	26.13	+.65	+13.0
DishNetwk	29.95	-.05	-11.8
Disney	31.87	-.54	-1.3
McGrwH	40.46	-.25	-7.6
NewsCpA	18.62	+.14	-9.1
NewsCpB	19.21	+.09	-9.6
Omnicm s	45.14	+.34	-5.0
Thomson	32.57	-.36	-20.1
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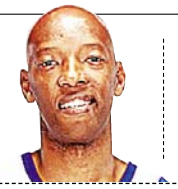
TITLE CHARACTER? The Celtics hope they have the last piece of the championship puzzle now that veteran Sam Cassell has signed a contract. Cassell is expected to be available on Friday when Chicago visits Boston, but he will be a coach's decision.



Sports

Ovechkin Racks Up Style Points

Caps' 50-goal scorer knows how to put on a good show on the ice

CAPITALS | Whether Alex Ovechkin is the NHL's most valuable player continues to be the subject of some debate, but there can be little argument that he's the league's most dramatic.

The human-highlight-film-on-ice who brought you a goal scored while sliding on his back and a four-goals-with-a-broken-nose masterpiece did it again Monday, scoring a first-period hat trick that included his 50th of the season and catapulted the Capitals back into the playoff picture.

Ovechkin's second career five-point game (he added two assists) helped pace the Caps to a 10-2 thrashing of Boston and marked yet another jaw-dropping milestone in Ovechkin's young career. The performance erased the memory of last month's seven-game goalless streak, vaulted him back into the NHL's points lead, tied his career high of 52 goals and made him just the second player in history to record No. 50 and a hat trick in the same contest. The other: Wayne Gretzky.

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

OVER 50: Alex Ovechkin celebrates the first of three goals — his 50th goal of the season — in Monday night's win over Boston.

"When you go on a scoring slump and you're that good, you're going to start scoring again," coach Bruce Boudreau said. "You just can't hold him back."

Ovechkin was excited, but not too excited, about his achievement. He said he would "go home and eat something" to celebrate — he was hoping to partake in the free chicken wings offered to fans when the Caps score six or more — and admitted, "It's a good feeling when you score 50 goals."

He finished with 52 in 2005-06 and 46 last season. He becomes just the third Capital ever, and the fourth NHL player this decade, to breach 50 twice.

"It's all about your mind. I just tell myself, don't think about goals, play how I can and just do what you can," he said of breaking out of his funk. "This happens. I didn't score lots of goals and today everything goes to the net."

Ovechkin bristled when asked about his MVP prospects.

"I don't think about trophies right now," he said.

"We just have to make one more step closer to Carolina."

The Caps (31-28-8) are three points behind the Hurricanes with 15 games left, including Wednesday night's tilt in Buffalo. BRIAN STRAUS

Nats Sell Out Opening Day in Just 6 Minutes

NATIONALS | Tickets for the Nationals' season opener in the District's new, state-of-the-art ballpark sold out within minutes on Tuesday, but many other games remained available for fans who want to see the city's new home for baseball.

The team's Web site and phone lines began accepting ticket orders at 9 a.m., and Nationals president Stan Kasten said the 4,000 available seats for the March 30 opener against the Atlanta Braves were sold within six minutes.

"It was like a Springsteen concert," he said. "It's been fantastic."

Callers and Internet buyers swamped the system, and some fans complained about delays both on the phone and online in trying to get tickets. In the first 15 minutes, more than 5,300 people were buying tickets by phone or via the Internet, Nationals officials said.

DANIEL LEDUC (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hill Won't Need Surgery on His Arm

But Nationals starter may not be ready to pitch on Opening Day

NATIONALS | Washington Nationals pitcher Shawn Hill does not need another operation to relieve tightness in his right forearm.

Hill traveled to Duke Medical Center on Monday for a second opinion after receiving negative results from an MRI exam Friday. The 26-year-old right-hander had surgery on his right forearm, right elbow and left shoulder in November of last year.

"It was good news in a sense that the nerve checked out fine; the MRI was clear," Hill said Tuesday. "We just have to figure out how to get it under control."

Hill's status for the season opener remains in doubt as he begins taking new medication and undergoes strengthening exercises, Nationals manager Manny Acta said.

JOHN RAOUX/AP

Shawn Hill, who says he's had pain in his arm for "six or seven years," won't need surgery to relieve tightness in his right forearm, but his timetable for returning is unclear.

"I don't want to be too quick pulling the trigger, but this right now doesn't put him on schedule to be ready on opening day," Acta said. "If you're going to shut him down, then he's going to start all over with a throwing program, and then build up a little bit."

Coming into spring training, Hill was battling for the top spot in the starting rotation. He made 16 starts for Washington last season, finishing 4-5 with a 3.42 ERA.

Hill missed the entire 2005 season after elbow ligament-replacement surgery. He has made just 25 major league starts since 2004.

Hill said he hopes to be ready to start the season, but said it's too early to tell.

"I've had discomfort in my elbow for six or seven years," Hill said. "So I've got no problem throwing through discomfort or pain." (AP)

EARLY LOSS

The Nationals played two games on Tuesday with a split squad:

→ Matt Chico gave up three earned runs in three innings, and the Nationals' split squad lost to the Dodgers 5-3 in the first of two games on Tuesday. The second game was set to begin at 7 p.m. and ended after Express' deadline. Cristian Guzman continued his hot hitting, going 3-for-4 with a run scored, and Lastings Milledge knocked in two RBI while going 2-for-3. (EXPRESS)

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Sports

Palacios' Journey Nears Completion

Despite many setbacks, Louisville senior stays positive off the court

TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/AP

Louisville senior Juan Palacios is averaging a career low of six points per game.

COLLEGE HOOPS | The phone calls would come once or twice per week, with Juan Palacios dutifully checking in with his mother.

The chats have been one of the few constants in the Louisville forward's life since he left Colombia as a shy 15-year-old in 2001 to chase his basketball dreams.

Over the years, his mother has been his sounding board. Maria would listen while he talked about the demands of playing for Rick Pitino, the joy of helping the Cardinals make the 2005 Final Four, the anger of a string of injuries.

And sometimes his mother, who cleans buildings in Medellin, would tell him to snap out of it.

"I get frustrated if I'm not playing well and I call her," Palacios said. "She tells me, 'Look, you're a kid from Colombia playing at the University of Louisville. You've been to a Final Four. Right now, you've got to feel proud of yourself.'"

It's a lesson he has tried to remind himself of almost daily. He mulled entering the NBA draft after averaging 9.7 points as a freshman.

Palacios decided to stay and figured to be the linchpin of the program as the Cardinals reloaded. It never happened. He dislocated his right ankle in a pickup game, and the last three years have been nothing but a series of stops and starts.

Palacios thought this year would be different and says he began preseason practice in the best shape of his life. It lasted two days.

Palacios tore the medial collateral ligament in his right knee and missed nine games. He hasn't been the same since. His average of six points and 4.3 rebounds are both career lows.

"Some days I play good and feel good, and other days my knee hurts and I don't perform as well," he said. "You just have to be patient and understand that I'm not playing as well as I would like to, but, still, we're winning." WILL GRAVES (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards aren't going to catch division leader the Magic. But a win against Orlando will help them stay in the playoffs.

CAPITALS (7:30 P.M. ON CSN+) Coming off a 10-goal night against the Bruins, the Capitals head north to try to beat the Sabres.

BASEBALL (1 P.M. ON ESPN) You know it's spring when baseball gets on national TV. On Wednesday, the Yankees play the Twins.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN AND ESPN2) Duke is at Virginia, and Syracuse travels to Seton Hall.

NBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Denver hosts Phoenix, and this one, like all Western Conference games, has playoff ramifications.

SOCCER (2:30 P.M. ON ESPN2 AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC) First, Chelsea hosts Olympiacos. Then, Roma travels to Real Madrid.

"When you have the opportunity to speak with Steph, you can ask him all the questions that you need to ask him." —**Knicks coach Isiah Thomas** when asked whether he was disappointed Stephon Marbury didn't show up to Monday's game.

No. 1 Means Little in Deep League

After winning the top seed, American goes up against Holy Cross

AU HOOPS | American University's court leader Derrick Mercer could tell that something was up because of how loud the crowd at Bender Arena had become during the final minutes of Saturday's game.

For star guard Garrison Carr, it was the smiles on the faces of his teammates on the bench — "I knew they couldn't be smiling just about our game," he said.

Then, during a break with 13 seconds left, forward Bryce Simon heard someone say that Navy had lost, meaning the Eagles were about to win their first outright Patriot League regular season title in six years.

"It's definitely special to win it outright," Carr said after American's 84-72 win over Lafayette on Saturday. "Not to sound selfish, but who wants to share a title? Winning it outright makes it that much better."

So, does American get a first-round bye or a cakewalk game as its reward for winning the league? Not exactly. On Wednesday, the Eagles play Holy Cross. The Crusaders are technically the worst team in the Patriot League with a 5-9 conference record, but they dominated the league last year with a 13-1 conference record, have been to three straight Patriot League championship games and have been to four NCAA tournaments since 2000. Oh, they were also the preseason pick to win the conference this year.

By contrast, American went through 10 losing seasons before coach Jeff Jones arrived in 2001, the same year the team moved from the CAA to the Patriot League. Though Jones has gotten his team to three championship games in his first six seasons, the Eagles have never been to the NCAA Tournament.

"How can we look past them?" Jones said of Holy Cross. "They beat us on our home court this year already once. They kicked us and pretty much everybody else around for the last few years. I would be incredulous if we didn't have their attention. I don't think that's a possibility."

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

PRESTON KERES/TWP

AU junior guard Garrison Carr, center, who was named first team All-Patriot League, said winning the regular season title was a "special" accomplishment.

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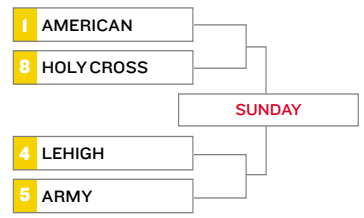

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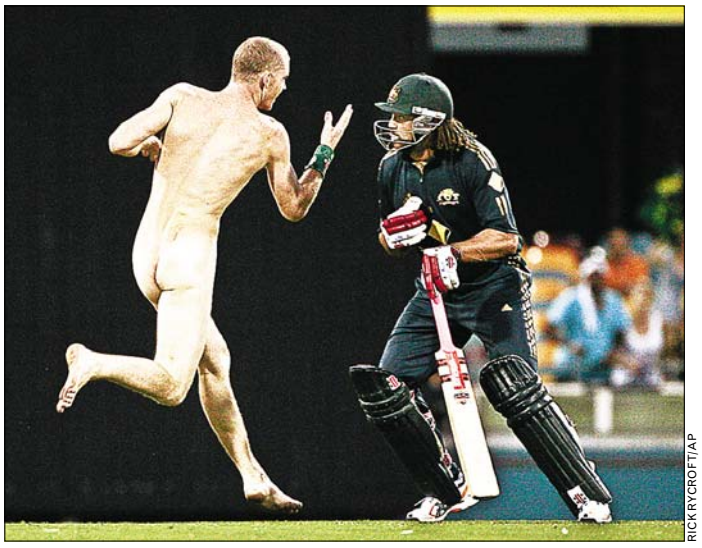

RICK RYCROFT/AP

NO PADDING: Australia's Andrew Symonds, right, prepares to check to the ground a man who came running naked onto the pitch during a game between Australia and India in Brisbane, Australia, on Tuesday.

Under Lange, Navy Makes Waves

Coach has the Mids back near the top of the Patriot League

NAVY HOOPS | When Billy Lange became the head coach at Navy in 2004, the program was coming off a three-year stretch when it had won just 23 games, including a five-win season the year before.

Despite that, Lange came in and treated the program and his players as if they were an elite group, says senior guard Greg Sprink, immediately winning over his players' trust and respect.

"From Day 1, he implemented a system that we stuck with — not necessarily the Xs and Os, but just the way he wanted us to act," says Sprink, who was on Lange's first team at Navy. "It was like a first class, No. 1 program, and I know we didn't get results right away. But we always felt like we were getting to this point."

This point is the No. 2 seed in the Patriot League tournament, which starts on Wednesday. Navy (16-13 overall) finished 9-5 in conference play, its best record since 2000-01, and Lange was voted Patriot League Coach of the Year by his fellow coaches.

All season, the Midshipmen had been shooting for a conference championship, a goal they came frustratingly close to on Saturday. Navy went into the weekend needing just a win or an American loss to win the title but got neither of those. It's a fact Sprink says was hard to take.

"That was something I really wanted to accomplish here," said Sprink, who was honored on Monday as Patriot League Player of the Year. "But I'm glad it happened on Saturday as opposed to this Wednesday. Because if it had happened Wednesday, we're done — that's the end of the season." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Billy Lange coached Navy to a 9-5 conference record this year, its best since 2000-01.

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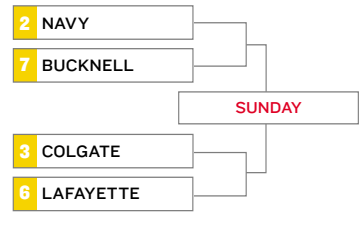

Top Tennis Stars Advance in Dubai

TENNIS | Andy Roddick, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic succeeded where Roger Federer failed at the Dubai Tennis Championships.

They each advanced to the second round Tuesday, a day after the top-ranked Federer extended his losing streak to two in a row.

Roddick defeated Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 6-2, 6-4. Nadal struggled to beat Philipp Kohlschreiber of Germany 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. And Djokovic, who defeated Federer at the Australian Open semifinals, defeated Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-4, 6-3. (AP)

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Sports

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Favre Decides to Pack It In

Packers' charismatic quarterback retires after 17-year career

NFL | Brett Favre told Green Bay Packers officials late Monday and early Tuesday that he is walking away from the NFL after a 17-year career in which he established himself as one of the most prolific and charismatic quarterbacks in NFL history.

Favre, 38, had pondered retirement in each of the last few offseasons but chose to continue a career sure to land him in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, even when it seemed that his best days as a player might be behind him. He reversed the downward spiral in his play this past season, recapturing the exuberance and daring success of his younger days and leading the Packers to the doorstep of another Super Bowl appearance.

That resurgence on a youthful team created the expectation that he was likely to return next season. Instead, he informed Packers Coach Mike McCarthy by telephone Monday night that he would retire and reiterated that plan in a phone conversation Tusday morning with general manager Ted Thompson.

"I just think it's a decision that he has constantly wrestled with in terms of trying to make the right decision and leave at the right time," Thompson said at a news conference. "And I believe he thinks this is the right time for him."

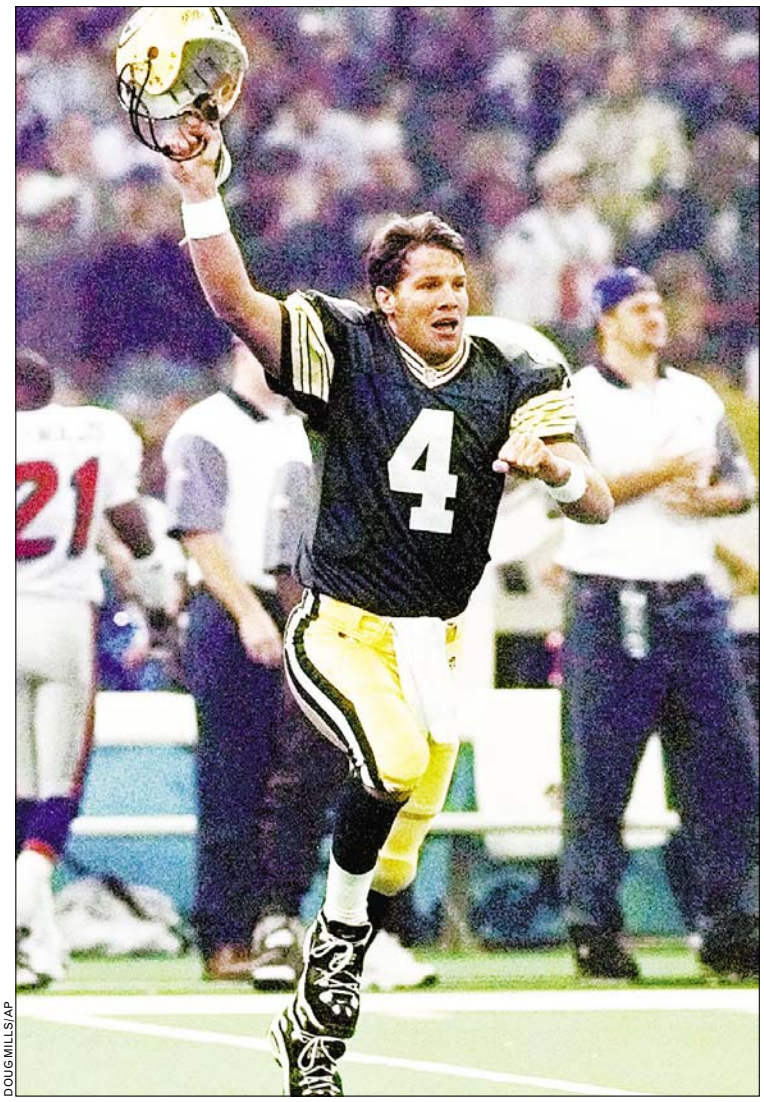
Favre told them he didn't have the energy or willpower to gear up for another season that would have been considered a failure if the Packers didn't finish it with a Super Bowl triumph. Barring a change of heart, he leaves the sport with three NFL most valuable player awards, nine Pro Bowl selections and two Super Bowl appearances, including one victory.

MARK MASKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

A NUMBERS GAME

Over 17 NFL seasons, quarterback Brett Favre amassed some of the best statistics of all time:

- Favre accumulated an NFL record 61,655 passing yards.
- He threw 442 touchdown passes, an NFL record, too.
- His 288 interceptions are also the most by any quarterback.
- Over 17 seasons, he won 160 games, the most by a starting QB.



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Brett Favre celebrates after throwing a first-quarter touchdown in Super Bowl XXXI.

A look back: For an in-depth look at Brett Favre's career, including Mark Maske's list of the legendary quarterback's top moments, pick up | **Today's Post, Sports**

Mora's Hot Bat Leads Baltimore

ORIOLES | Melvin Mora's hitting like it's 2004.

Mora went 3-for-3 with a homer and four RBI, leading the Baltimore Orioles over the St. Louis Cardinals 10-2 Tuesday. The perfect afternoon at the plate enabled Mora to raise his batting average this spring to .583. The third baseman also walked and scored three runs.

Four seasons ago, Mora hit .340 with 27 homers and 104 RBI. He has played well but has not come close to matching those numbers.

"I want to go back to 2004," said Mora, who attributes his fast start in part to a three-week session with his former batting instructor in Venezuela during the offseason.

Adam Jones went 3-for-3 for the Orioles to raise his batting average to .500, and newcomer Luke Scott also had three hits. (AP)

Cars

MICHAEL ROBINSON CHAVEZ/LOS ANGELES TIMES

Ford has come out with a Mustang that is a spin-off of the car Steve McQueen drove in the classic chase movie "Bullitt." The car boasts a V-8 engine and is built for power.

Eat Your Heart Out, McQueen

New GT390 should satisfy 'Bullitt' and Mustang lovers alike

CHASEMOBILE | Not to go all Pauline Kael on you, but "Bullitt" — the 1968 crime drama starring a Ford Mustang GT390 and some guy named Steve McQueen — is a fairly tedious bit of cinema: the chicka-chicka-waah soundtrack, the inscrutable plot, the anaerobic dullness of every second that McQueen is off-camera.

"Bullitt" scrabbles to its minor footnote status in film history on two counts. The first: It marks the only time any man ever looked cool in a cardigan. The second is the movie's remarkable seven-minute chase scene, with real cars, real drivers and real stunts, no special effects.

To say I wanted to despise this car is putting it mildly. For starters, it's just another not very imaginative riff on the Ford Mustang GT, aimed at goobers who've got it so bad for Steve they can't help themselves.

So, I was pleasantly surprised when I drove the car and found that I really, really liked it. Stunned, actually. This Bullitt — with a 4.6-liter, 315-hp V8 — is way better than the axle-winding lunatic 500-hp Shelby GT500.

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What's in a Bullitt? First, there's the dark green paint, which looks terrific, no question. Plus, the car is de-badged: no chrome pony, no Ford ovals.

The bit of genius in the car, though, is the wheel-and-tire package: five-spoke cast-aluminum wheels in a gray satin finish, with machined rims of bright alloy. These wheels are a convincing imitation of period-correct American Racing Torque Thrust-D wheels.

Throw in a strut tower brace, and quicker than you can don a cardigan, you have a Bullitt, which actually does look like the car from the movie.

I don't know whether McQueen would be proud, but I know he'd be happy to cash the check.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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Travel

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Be Berlin, or Just See Berlin?

New slogan has some in the German capital scratching their heads

DESTINATIONS | In an effort to spice up its cosmopolitan reputation and stress its trendiness, Germany's capital has launched an image campaign centered on the English-phrased slogan "Be Berlin."

The new motto — the city's first official slogan since unification in 1990 — comes at the hefty price of $14.8 million. Several residents of the once-divided city that played a front-and-center role throughout much of the 20th century seemed doubtful it really fit.

"I don't know if it would sell well," said Bianca Knoblauch, an employee at a gift shop near Berlin's Brandenburg Gate, about potential "Be Berlin" merchandise. "Usually, we sell things that make people laugh. 'Be Berlin' is not very funny."

Some tourists, too, appeared unsure of what the motto is trying to convey.

"I don't want to be Berlin. I wanted to come here to see the galleries," said Victoria Gilardi, a tourist from the U.S. "And why do they need a slogan anyway? It makes the place seem a little desperate."

Nonetheless, the new motto was approved in a confidential meeting of a specially selected panel of 16 prominent residents of the city, including star architect Hans Kollhoff and Catherine Muehlemann, vice president of MTV Germany.

"Be Berlin" was selected out of the more than 300 slogans submitted for consideration in an open search for an official city slogan.

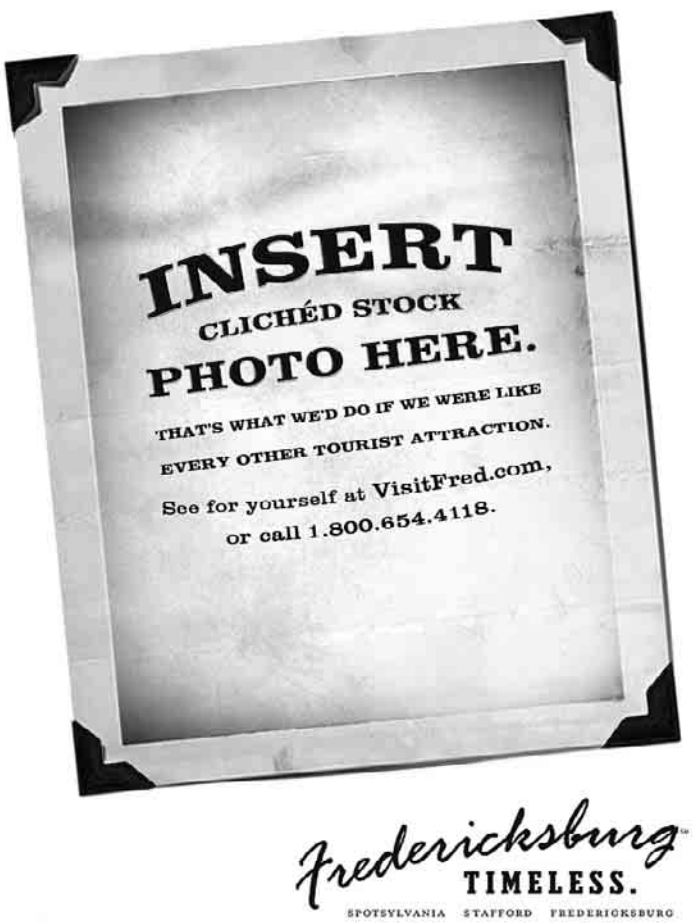
The campaign, managed by public relations group Berlin Partner, will officially begin on Tuesday with a series of television and radio advertisements and billboards focused on winning over the city's residents to the new slogan. After several months, the campaign will extend to the rest of Europe and other countries around the world.

The city is funding the campaign in hopes of enticing a greater number of tourists and investors to the German capital.

If the new motto does have a focus-group air, it is more felicitous than the accidental slogan Mayor Klaus Wowereit lent the city in an interview with Focus magazine in November 2003.

"We're poor but sexy," Wowereit said at the time. CAMERON ABADI (AP)

MIGUEL VILLAGRAN/AP
Berlin's Brandenburg Gate has long attracted tourists to Germany's capital city.



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OH, BROTHERS, THERE THOU ART: The next Coen brothers project, the dark espionage comedy "Burn After Reading," will be released Sept. 12. The cast includes George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton and Frances McDormand, Joel Coen's wife.

Entertainment

MICHAEL BECKER/FOX

FOREVER HIS GIRL: Randy couldn't make an album without help from his co-judge Paula! Or, she had a tantrum when he tried.

Straight Up Hit

Paula Abdul is sure her courtesy-of-Randy jam will be a smash

SINGLE | After dabbling in nearly every area of the music industry, Grammy Award-winning producer, musician and "American Idol" judge Randy Jackson is adding "solo album" to his already impressive résumé, and he's bringing "Idol" colleague Paula Abdul along for the ride.

The Abdul-driven "Dance Like There's No Tomorrow" is the first single from "Randy Jackson's Music Club, Vol. 1," due out Tuesday via Jackson's new Concord Music Group imprint Dream Merchant 21. The 12-track collection showcases a diverse range of artists, from established vets like Mariah Carey, Travis Tritt and Richie Sambora to such up-and-coming talents as Barbi Esco and Kelli Selah.

For Abdul, whose last new single was 1995's "Crazy Cool," the collaboration with Jackson consummated several years of vague conversations about working together. But during "Idol" auditions last July in San Diego, "Randy kept saying to me, 'I've got the perfect song for you. It sounds like you, like now, it's like a nod to you and your past, but it's you now,' " Abdul says. "And he played it, and I knew it was a hit."

The track was produced by Jackson and the Danish duo known as Deekay. Oliver Leiber, who wrote and produced Abdul's "Forever Your Girl" and "(It's Just) The Way That You Love Me," did some additional vocal production. Jackson and Abdul premiered the single Jan. 18 on Ryan Seacrest's KIIS-FM radio show in Los Angeles, and it was serviced to top 40 stations Super Bowl weekend to coincide with Abdul's pregame performance of the song.

"There was an incredible amount of interest [in the single], I termed it even curiosity, in the very beginning," Concord GM Gene Rumsey says. "I think cynics who were curious all of a sudden heard it and realized, 'Hey, this is a pretty good song.'"

The track re-enters the Pop 100 this week at No. 57 and debuts at No. 80 on the Hot 100. The corresponding video debuted on fox.com Feb. 20 and enjoyed an airing on "American Idol" the next day, which Rumsey hopes will bring back momentum after the post-Super Bowl lag.

"Usually, dance radio is a little more forgiving and respectful of heritage artists," radio consultant Guy Zapoleon says, in explaining top 40's apparent aversion to the single. "But today more than ever, our musical culture is about youthful artists. For somebody like Paula, it's a process of rebuilding her image. She's still seen as a '90s pop artist." JILL MENZE (BILLBOARD)

And They Call It Puppy Love

There are 101 reasons to rediscover this cutesy Disney classic

DVD | The Puppy Bowl is over. The Westminster Dog Show crowned a beagle king and came to a close. So, where can the canine-obsessed go for their pooch fix? Look no further than "101 Dalmatians: Platinum Edition" ($29.99), a two-disc, newly restored version of the 1961 Disney classic about a mega-litter of pups attempting to escape the clutches of the wicked Cruella De Vil.

Yes, I know. These are cartoon dogs, not the real thing. But all the tail-wagging and playful scampering is so reminiscent of actual doggie behavior that it's easy to confuse the two. In fact, according to the DVD's extras, several Dalmatian puppies lived for a month at Disney Studios so the artists could effectively translate their movements.

That's just one of the noteworthy nuggets that can be found in the DVD's respectable set of bonus features, including "Redefining the Line: The Making of 'One Hundred and One Dalmatians.'" The solid, if occasionally self-congratulatory, featurette also shares the rocky history behind creating "Dalmatians" and explains the film's historical significance: It marks the first time xerography, the process of copying drawings directly to animated cels instead of tracing and painting them, was used on a Disney film. JEN CHANEY (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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Today's Top Stops

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EMILY KING

1 Royal Pipes

Contemporary R&B (read: she's got a fresh thing going on) singer Emily King has one of those sultry, pitch-perfect, forget-me-not voices that has put her on the fast track to diva-dom. The 22-year-old Grammy-nominee (for her album "East Side Story") appears at Bohemian Caverns tonight—don't miss the chance to see her in an intimate venue.

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Entertainment

THE CHOSEN FOLK: Kenny Chesney, pictured, received 12 nominations on Tuesday to lead the contenders for the annual Academy of Country Music awards, and Rodney Atkins, who has had four straight No. 1 singles, was second with six.

On the Heritage Trail

Adrian Tomine knows his 'Shortcomings' — and he knows yours

TOUCHY SUBJECT | Adrian Tomine just can't win.

The 33-year-old Japanese-American cartoonist, who has been creating comics since his teenage years, has for years faced questions about why he didn't address issues of his own heritage and background in his comics

Now that he has, in his new graphic novel "Shortcomings," the results have been polarizing.

"There's some people who come up to me and say this is the first graphic novel or media in general they felt some kinship to in terms of portraying their experience with regards to being Asian-American," said Tomine, who is appearing at Politics & Prose tonight. "And then there are other people who thought that it was distasteful, disrespectful or unnecessary."

Dealing with issues of race is often touchy, and Tomine's work doesn't pull any punches. The story revolves around an Asian-American man who finds himself pulled between his Asian girlfriend and the white woman he fancies.

Even though Tomine, whose work can often be found on the cover of the New Yorker magazine, was initially put off by the idea of doing a book dealing with his heritage, he admits that he opened up a file at the back of his brain with ideas, anecdotes and characters that would allow him to tell a story consistent with his other works and would not feel like a lesson on why racism is bad.

PETER STANGLMAYR

USE YOUR DRAWINGS: Tomine expresses his racial angst in "Shortcomings."

"Shortcomings" is collected from issues of Tomine's comic book series "Optic Nerve." In an industry that is moving toward publishing works directly in graphic novel format published by mainstream book companies, Tomine is still plugging along with the serialized comic.

"It's so funny that the thing that used to be the essence of the industry is now this weird antiquity" he said. "My reasons for sticking with it are purely personal. I guess this is like some of these bands insisting on putting out a limited-edition vinyl of their album for themselves or a few of their fans." SCOTT ROSENBERG

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PENELOPE (PG) (1210 240 510) 745 1010
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13) (1215 105 250 350 515) 615 740 840 1000
JUMPER (PG-13) (1240 310 540) 810 1030
BE KIND REWIND (PG-13) (1150 220 520) 800 1025
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 305 530) 750 1015
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (1140 120 210 340 440) 620 720 900
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13) (145 400) 630 850
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 950 PM
DEFINITELY MAYBE (PG-13) (405) 930
FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13) (130 410) 650 945
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (140 505) 830
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (1230 320) 625 920
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (1245 345) 635 925
JUNO (PG-13) (1145 200 420) 640 910
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 715 1005
OC & DA: DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG-13) (110) 645

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13
Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#

Adv. Tix on Sale HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale 10,000 BC (PG-13) ★
SEMI-PRO (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1245 200 300 430 530) 700 800 930 1030
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13) (115 415) 715 1015
PENELOPE (PG) (145 445) 730 1000
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13) (1215 230 500) 730 1000
U2 3D CONCERT MOVIE - $2.50 FEE FOR 3D (G) ★ 915 PM
JUMPER (PG-13) (1245 300 515) 745 1015
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13) (1245 315 545) 815 1035
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (100 400) 645 915
DEFINITELY MAYBE (PG-13) (130 445) 745 1030
HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (G) ★ 1230 245 500 715
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (1200 320) 645 1015
JUNO (PG-13) (200 430) 700 930
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (345) 630
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) - ID REQ'D (115) 915

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10
4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

Adv. Tix on Sale 10,000 BC (PG-13) ★
SEMI-PRO (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (120 200 340 420) 650 730 910 950
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (125 410) 700 955
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (100 425) 750
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (110 150 350 430) 630 710 920
JUMPER (PG-13) (130 210 400 440) 640 720 900 940
HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (G) ★ 140 345 600
U2 3D CONCERT MOVIE - $2.50 FEE FOR 3D (G) ★ 800 1010
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-13) (105 405) 715 1000
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG-13) 930 PM

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14
20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#

Adv. Tix on Sale HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale 10,000 BC (PG-13) ★
SEMI-PRO (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (100 215 330 445 545) 715 815 945 1030
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13) (130 430) 730 1015
PENELOPE (PG) (115 415) 700 945
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13) (130 230 345 500) 730 830 1000 1045
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (100 345) 630 930
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D 930 PM
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG-13) (200) 1045
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) - ID REQ'D (500) 800
DEFINITELY MAYBE (PG-13) (400) 915
OC & DA: DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG-13) (100) 645
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13) (245 515) 745 1030
JUMPER (PG-13) (145 430) 745 1015
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (145 415) 630 915
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-13) 1000 PM
FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13) (115 400) 645
JUNO (PG-13) (200 445) 700

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14
9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#

Adv. Tix on Sale HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale 10,000 BC (PG-13) ★
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13) (115 400) 700 1010
PENELOPE (PG) (200 445) 730 1010
SEMI-PRO (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (230 500) 745 1020
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) - ID REQ'D 1000 PM
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13) (200 430) 715 945
JUMPER (PG-13) (515) 1030
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13) (215 515) 815 1035
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (140 405) 630 925
DEFINITELY MAYBE (PG-13) (130 405) 645 945
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-13) (215 500) 745 1030
FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13) (130) 645
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D (100 430) 800
BUCKET LIST (PG-13) (415) 925
NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG) (100 400) 700
ATONEMENT (R) - ID REQ'D (140) 715
JUNO (PG-13) (445) 1000
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 730 1020
OC & DA: JUMPER (PG-13) (230) 800

MANASSAS STADIUM 14
11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#

Adv. Tix on Sale HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) ★
Adv. Tix on Sale 10,000 BC (PG-13) ★
SEMI-PRO (R) - ID REQ'D ★ (1140 1220 230 415 445) 710 740 930 1000
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13) (1240 400) 640 920
PENELOPE (PG) (1235 350) 650 950
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG-13) (1200) 720
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13) (1205 1250 220 335 430) 655 725 945 1015
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG-13) (1145 205 425) 645 920
JUMPER (PG-13) (1135 155 420) 715 955
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) (1150 210 500) 755 1030
DEFINITELY MAYBE (PG-13) (1130 215 450) 730 1025
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG-13) (330) 1005
FOOL'S GOLD (PG-13) (1230 340) 735 1020
HANNAH MONTANA CONCERT 3D (G) ★ 1245 305 505 705
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) - ID REQ'D 925 PM
JUNO (PG-13) (1140 200 435) 745 1010

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'REHAB' SURE IS CATCHY: A deluxe, two-disc version of Amy Winehouse's Grammy-winning album, "Back to Black," rose two places to No. 1 on the U.K. album charts this week. Winehouse's sales figures continue to flourish, as does tabloid coverage of her private life.

Competition From the North

Kathleen Edwards proves country music ain't all that American

MUSIC | It's a good thing that the North American Free Trade Agreement, which Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama keep going 'round and 'round about, doesn't cover country stars, because on a level playing field Canadian Kathleen Edwards would wipe out most of her American counterparts.

After two promising albums, Edwards' third effort, "Asking for Flowers" (Zoe), puts all the pieces together — her sweet-but-worldly voice, her country-but-rockish arrangements and all her tough-but-tender, detail-oriented tales.

"F is my favorite letter, as you know," she explains in "The Cheapest Key," shortly before kicking into a rough-and-tumble harmonica solo and a sneering chorus of "You always play me in the cheapest key" that is so fierce it even makes her A-is-for-this, B-is-for-that verse sound fresh.

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Edwards is at her cleverest in "I Make the Dough, You Get the Glory," which could be what the Replacements would have sounded like if they were women from Nashville. Not only does she string together some grand couplets — "You're the buffet, I'm just the table" and "You're the Concorde, I'm economy" — but she also rolls out "You're The Great One, I'm Marty McSorley," a nod to hockey legend Wayne Gretzky and the hockey journeyman known as much for his fights as his play.

She also manages to articulate anti-war feelings in "Old Man's War" and her disappointment with her homeland in "Oh Canada."

Her mastery of a broad spectrum of topics on "Asking for Flowers" shows how Edwards has stepped out of the shadow of her influences — Lucinda Williams and Tom Petty, for starters — and into her own spotlight, one that will only get brighter as more people discover her.

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DIGITAL 3D

U2 3D (G) 9:50 PM
HANNAH MONTANA & MILEY CYRUS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT DIGITAL 3D $15 (G) 3:00, 5:15, 7:30
SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 1:15, 3:05, 3:55, 5:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:00
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) 1:25, 4:10, 6:55, 9:30
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 1:45, 3:20, 4:15, 5:45, 6:45, 8:15, 9:15
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG13) 3:25, 5:50
GEORGE A. ROMERO'S DIARY OF THE DEAD (R) 10:10 PM
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
JUMPER (PG13) 1:30, 2:50, 4:05, 5:25, 6:40, 7:50, 9:40
JUMPER (PG13) 2:50, 5:25, 7:50
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 1:20, 2:05, 4:20, 4:40, 7:05, 7:35, 9:45
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 1:40, 3:15, 4:25, 5:55, 7:10, 8:40, 10:05
FOOL'S GOLD (PG13) 1:05, 3:45, 6:50, 9:35
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13) 1:00, 3:50, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) ✓ 2:30, 6:20, 9:30
PENELOPE (PG) ✓ 1:35, 4:00, 6:35, 9:05
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 3:30, 6:15, 9:20
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 3:10, 6:10, 9:10
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 2:10, 6:05, 9:25
JUNO (PG13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 9:55

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
10300 Patuxent Parkway
703-998-4AMC

DIGITAL 3D

U2 3D (G) 9:05 PM
HANNAH MONTANA & MILEY CYRUS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT DIGITAL 3D $15 (G) 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 6:55
SEMI-PRO (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) 2:10, 7:25
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG13) 1:20
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20
JUMPER (PG13) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 6:35, 9:00
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
FOOL'S GOLD (PG13) 4:00, 6:45, 9:15
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
27 DRESSES (PG13) 4:40, 9:50

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
PENELOPE (PG) 12:20, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30
JUNO (PG13) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:45, 10:10
JUNO (PG13) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:45, 10:10

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14
3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

SEMI-PRO (R) 2:50, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) 1:05, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 1:00, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:55
JUMPER (PG13) 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:35
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45

AMC SELECT
PENELOPE (PG) 2:55, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 10:05
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:40
IN BRUGES (R) 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:30
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:15
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 3:30, 7:00, 10:20
ATONEMENT (R) 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:50
JUNO (PG13) 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25
JUNO (PG13) 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

DIGITAL 3D

U2 3D (G) 9:30 PM
HANNAH MONTANA & MILEY CYRUS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT DIGITAL 3D $15 (G) 1:05, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30
SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:50, 3:35, 5:15, 6:00, 7:40, 8:25, 9:55
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 1:25, 3:05, 3:50, 5:30, 6:15, 7:55, 8:45, 10:20
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG13) 1:45, 4:10
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50
JUMPER (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 6:50, 7:55, 9:05, 10:10
JUMPER (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 1:30, 3:10, 3:55, 5:35, 8:00, 10:20
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 6:30, 7:25, 9:00, 9:45
FOOL'S GOLD (PG13) 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
PENELOPE (PG) ✓ 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:25
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 3:00, 5:25, 8:00
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 2:50, 5:30, 8:10
JUMPER (PG13) 2:45, 5:00, 7:20
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 2:30, 4:50, 7:10
THE BUCKET LIST (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 7:50
CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R) 2:40, 5:10, 7:30

AMC SELECT
IN BRUGES (R) 2:35, 5:15, 7:40
THE KITE RUNNER (PG13) 4:10, 7:00

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

SEMI-PRO (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
JUMPER (PG13) 12:05, 1:30, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:05, 10:05
JUMPER (PG13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 9:05
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 1:25, 2:25, 3:55, 4:55, 6:25, 7:25, 9:55
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13) 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 4:05, 6:05, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00
THE EYE (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
FIRST SUNDAY (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05

AMC SELECT
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

THE BAND'S VISIT (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:50

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:20
IN BRUGES (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 4:40, 7:40
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 2:10, 5:20, 8:30
ATONEMENT (R) 1:50
JUNO (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

JUMPER (PG13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DIGITAL 3D

HANNAH MONTANA & MILEY CYRUS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT DIGITAL 3D $15 (G) 12:45, 2:45

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 4:55, 7:10, 9:25
SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:20, 10:35
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) 7:00, 9:30
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 1:05, 3:25, 5:40, 8:05, 10:25
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG13) 2:10
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20
JUMPER (PG13) 1:15, 3:35, 5:00, 5:55, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 10:45
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 12:55, 1:55, 3:20, 4:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:50, 10:10
FOOL'S GOLD (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 10:40

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) ✓ 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
PENELOPE (PG) ✓ 12:50, 3:05, 5:30, 7:45, 10:05
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 1:00, 4:35, 8:10
JUNO (PG13) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:35
JUNO (PG13) 1:00, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05, 10:35

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 2:15, 4:40, 7:00
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 2:45, 5:15, 7:20, 8:00
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:30
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 2:10, 4:25, 7:10
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 2:00, 4:15
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:45, 4:30

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:50, 7:40

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
301-948-0906

DIGITAL 3D

U2 3D (G) 10:00 PM
HANNAH MONTANA & MILEY CYRUS: BEST OF BOTH WORLDS CONCERT DIGITAL 3D $15 (G) 3:00, 5:15, 7:35
SEMI-PRO (R) ✓ 1:05, 2:10, 3:35, 4:45, 6:05, 7:15, 8:30, 9:40
CHARLIE BARTLETT (R) 2:05, 4:35, 7:20, 9:45
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 1:10, 2:25, 3:45, 5:00, 6:10, 7:25, 8:40, 9:50
VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 1:10, 3:45, 6:10, 8:40
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG13) 1:55
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
JUMPER (PG13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10
THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG) 1:35, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20
STEP UP 2 THE STREETS (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 6:55, 9:25
FOOL'S GOLD (PG13) 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:30
WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (PG13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:55

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 10:05
PENELOPE (PG) ✓ 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:30
BE KIND REWIND (PG13) 2:20, 4:55, 7:50, 10:20
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:35, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R) 2:00, 5:30, 9:00
JUNO (PG13) 4:10, 7:10, 9:35

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

VANTAGE POINT (PG13) 2:00, 4:15, 7:00
DEFINITELY, MAYBE (PG13) 4:40

AMC SELECT
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:25
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:50, 4:25, 7:10
ATONEMENT (R) 1:45, 7:25
JUNO (PG13) 2:15, 4:35, 7:20

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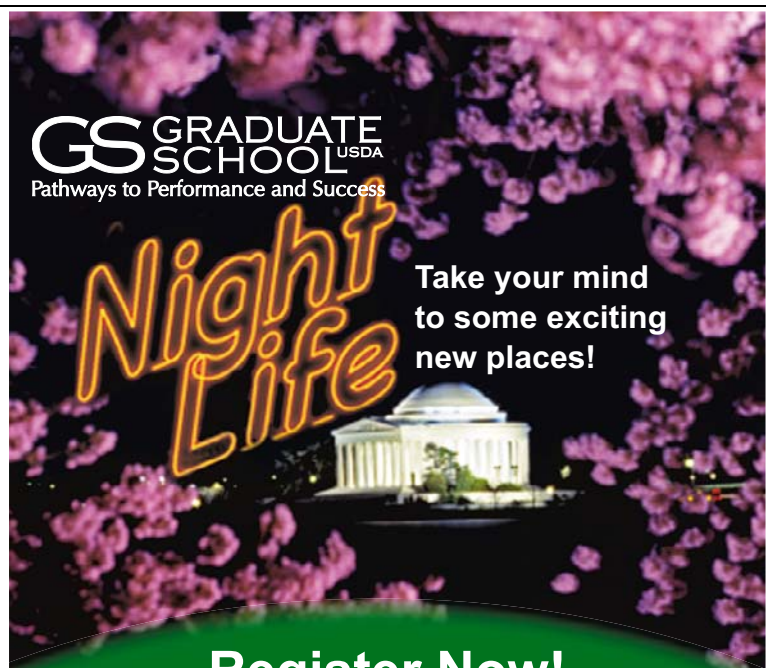

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Television

CROOKED COOK: Robert Irvine, the star of the Food Network's "Dinner: Impossible," has acknowledged fabricating some of his resume, including cooking for the British royal family and various U.S. presidents. The network did not renew his contract.

Fierce Creatures

The 'Project Runway' winning collection is hanging by a thread

IT'S A WALK-OFF | The inevitable has already happened on "Project Runway," so the best we can hope for for this evening's final finale is a workroom meltdown, a collection of head-spinning hideosity or Rami actually introducing that dishy boy from last week's epi as his boyfriend.

Christian Siriano's repetitive silhouette — short jacket with puffy shoulders and tight sleeves, skinny pants, cocked fedora — leaves him open to criticism that his favored look is a matter of inflexibility rather than vision. A cursory glance at the collection, which has been posted on the magical Interwebs, tells us ... well, see for yourself tonight.

Rami Kashou is a slave to a technique. He must resist the urge to apply his Grecian formula to his Fashion Week models — and from the looks of the armored monstrosities he showed design mentor Tim Gunn last week, he has, and for the worse.

As for Jillian Lewis, her immaculately constructed and imaginative diverse challenge designs argue that there's a couturier with mad skillz and perhaps a too-free-range vision at work. I can hear Gunn now: *"Edit*, Jillian." We shall see.

ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

BRAVO

CROWN ME: Christian "Princess Puffysleeves" Siriano at the reunion.

ON TV TONIGHT

LADIES NIGHT
The top eight women perform on **AMERICAN IDOL** (8 p.m., Fox).

PASS THE LATTER
Jack Nicholson, Michael Caine and Judy Davis star in the 1996 mystery **BLOOD AND WINE** (8 p.m., Fox Movie Channel), directed by Bob Rafelson ("Five Easy Pieces").

TIME-OUT DOES WONDERS
A 15-year-old wrong is righted on **SUPERNANNY** (9 p.m., ABC).

SMALL-TOWN LOVE
Jack's health scare unites Elmo on **MEN IN TREES** (10 p.m., ABC).

THE BREAKFAST CLUB
The new series **HIGH SCHOOL REUNION** (10 p.m., TV Land) thrives on stereotypes as it introduces characters from a reunited high school class as "The Stud," "The Popular Girl," "The Spoiled Girl" and "The Bully."

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FASHION FAUX PAS: Shoulder pads are prevelant on "High School Reunion."

A JOB POORLY DONE
A therapist to troubled teens is found slain on **LAW & ORDER** (10 p.m., NBC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

3.5.08		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News (N) CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) CC		Law & Order "Betrayal" (N) CC		News (N) CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	News (N)	TMZ (N) CC	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	American Idol (N) CC		The Moment of Truth (N) CC		News (N)		News (N)	TMZ CC
	WJLA 7	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "McGoldrick/Noel" (N)		Supernanny "Prescott Family" (N)		Men in Trees "Sonata in Three Parts"		News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Big Brother: 'Til Death Do You Part		Criminal Minds "Doubt" CC		CSI: NY "Commuted Sentences"		News (N) CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Secrets of Psychics Revealed		Every-Raymond	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Hollywood Singing and Dancing: A Musical Treasure			Sarah Brightman: Symphony in Vienna CC			Qi Gong for Beginners CC	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		The High Kings CC			Sarah Brightman: Symphony in Vienna CC			The Brain Fitness Program	
	WHUT 32	Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	African American Lives 2 "The Road Home; A Way Out of No Way"				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	America's Next Top Model (N) CC		Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious		Friends CC	Friends CC	Family Guy CC	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami "Death Grip" CC		CSI: Miami "The Score" CC		CSI: Miami "Silencer" CC		CSI: Miami "Fade Out" CC		CSI: Miami "Skeletons" CC	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Growing Up... "Rhino" CC		Wild Kingdom "Rhino Nights"		Big Cat Diary (Season Premiere) (N)		Miami Animal Police CC		Wild Kingdom "Rhino Nights"	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			Access Granted	"Uncle P" (2007, Comedy) Master P, Romeo, Cheech Marin. CC				College Hill: Class Reunion (Part 1)		Malcolm & Eddie	Malcolm & Eddie
	Bravo	Project Runway CC		Project Runway CC		Project Runway "The Art of Fashion"		Project Runway CC		Project Runway "Finale" CC		Project Runway "Finale" CC	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★★★ "Bad Santa" (2003)		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama CC	South Park CC	South Park CC	Reno 911! CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Most Shocking (N)		Most Daring (N)		Most Shocking "Wild Riots"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files
	Discovery	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab CC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Futureweapons "Firepower"		MythBusters Celebrating Christmas.		Smash Lab "Fluidized Sand" (N)		MythBusters Vocal firefighting. CC	
	DISCH	Code Blue CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills CC		Lost 800 Pounds		Trauma: Life in the ER CC	
	Disney	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	★★ "An Extremely Goofy Movie" (2000) CC			That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	Kardashians	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Hugh Hefner: The E! True Hollywood Story				Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea Lately
	FX	★★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman.				★★★ "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro, Cuba Gooding Jr., Charlize Theron.				★★★ "Men of Honor" (2000, Drama) Robert De Niro.			
	HGTV	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving Design	Design on a Dime	House Hunters (N)	Sleep on It (N)	Haulin' House (N)	What's-House?
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	★★ "Sixteen Candles" (1984) Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall. CC				America's Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club CC	
	History	Devil's Island: Hell on Earth		Modern Marvels: Jet Engines CC		Modern Marvels: Logging Tech CC		MonsterQuest "Mutant Canines"		UFO Hunters "Cops vs. UFOs" (N)		UFO Files CC	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	"Panic Button" (2007, Drama) Holly Marie Combs, Patrick Muldoon. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace "23"
	MTV	That's Amore	Life Ryan	Life of Ryan	Rob & Big	Making the Band 4		Real World -- Road Rules Challenge		Real World -- Road Rules Challenge		That's Amore	
	NICK	iCarly "iNevel"	iCarly CC	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101 CC	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCIFI	Ghost Hunters Manson murders.		Ghost Hunters The USS Lexington.		Ghost Hunters CC		Ghost Hunters "Fort Mifflin" CC		Destination Truth "Yeti" CC		Ghost Hunters "Fort Mifflin" CC	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		UFC Unleashed		Pros vs. Joes CC		UFC Unleashed	
	TBS	Friends CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	House of Payne	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	World's Strongest Boy CC		Real Life Mysteries		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Big Medicine "Party's Over" (N)		Real Life Mysteries	
	TNT	Law & Order "Stiff" CC (DVS)		Law & Order "Attorney Client"		Law & Order "The Dead Wives' Club"		Law & Order "Gaijin" CC (DVS)		Saving Grace CC		Saving Grace CC	
	USA	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002, Suspense) Matt Damon, Franka Potente, Chris Cooper. CC					(:05) Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
	VHI	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		The Flavor of Love		The Flavor of Love Theme-restaurant.		The Flavor of Love Roast.		Salt N Pepa	My Fair Brady
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Basketball Duke at Virginia. (Live) CC				NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets. From the Pepsi Center in Denver. (Live) CC					SportsCenter
	ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	College Basketball Syracuse at Seton Hall. (Live) CC				College Basketball Texas A&M at Baylor. (Live) CC				SportsCenter	Gamenight
	CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Washington Wizards. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.					SportsNite CC	SportsNite (Live) CC		Washington Post Live	
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		The Mind of Manson Charles Manson.		A Deadly Affair	
MOVIES	AMC	★ "Death Wish 4: The Crackdown" (1987, Drama) Charles Bronson. 'R' CC				★★★ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991, Science Fiction) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton. 'R' CC						"Death Wish V: The Face of Death"	
	TCM	(5:45) ★★★ "Kim" (1950, Adventure) Errol Flynn, Paul Lukas. 'G' CC (DVS)				★★★ "The Rake's Progress" (1945) Rex Harrison. Premiere. 'NR'				★★★★ "My Fair Lady" (1964, Musical) Audrey Hepburn. 'G' CC			
	HBO	(5:30) ★★★ "Over the Hedge" 'PG'		★★ "The Gates" (2005, Documentary) 'NR' CC			Semi-Pro: 1st	In Treatment	In Treatment (N)	Real Time With Bill Maher CC		The Wire "Late Editions" CC	
	MAX	(5:10) ★★ "Running Scared" (2006)		(:15) ★★★ "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe. A fugitive general becomes a gladiator in ancient Rome. 'R' CC						★★★ "300" (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. 'R' CC			
	SHOW	★★ "Last Holiday" (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				The L Word "Liquid Heat" (iTV) CC		"American Drug War: The Last White Hope" (2007) iTV Premiere. 'NR'				Boxing: Marquez vs. Vazquez	
	TMC	Return to Para.	★★ "Game 6" (2005) Michael Keaton. 'R' CC			★★ "The Confessor" (2004) Christian Slater. 'PG-13'			(:45) "Devour" (2005, Horror) Jensen Ackles, Shannyn Sossamon. 'R'				Hills-Eyes II
	STARZ!	(4:45) Wind Chill	(:20) ★★ "Catch and Release" (2007) Jennifer Garner. 'PG-13' CC				(:20) ★ "Wild Hogs" (2007) Tim Allen. 'PG-13' CC			Head Case CC	Hollywd Res.	Head Case CC	Hollywd Res.
	ENCORE	(:05) ★★★ "Scream" (1996, Horror) Neve Campbell. 'R' CC				★★ "Commando" (1985) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'R'			(:35) ★★ "RV" (2006) Robin Williams. 'PG' CC			(:15) ★ "Celtic Pride" (1996) 'PG-13'	

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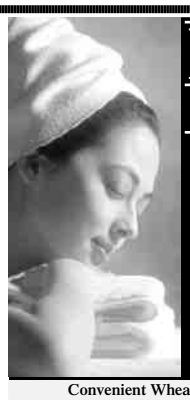

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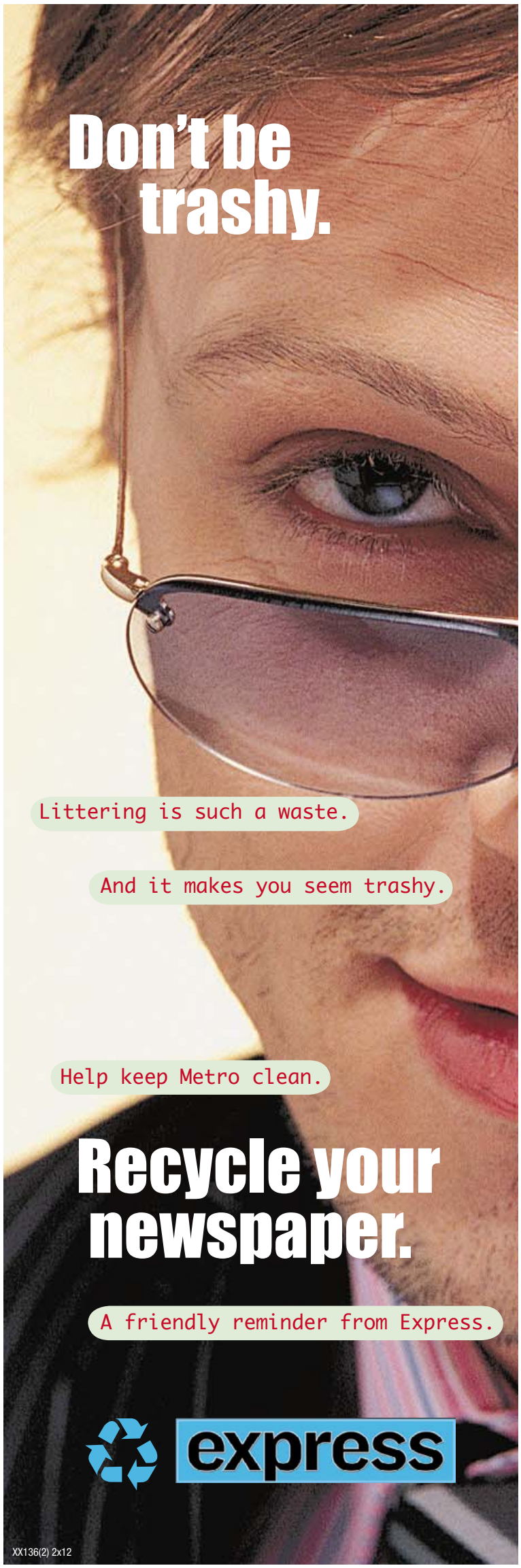

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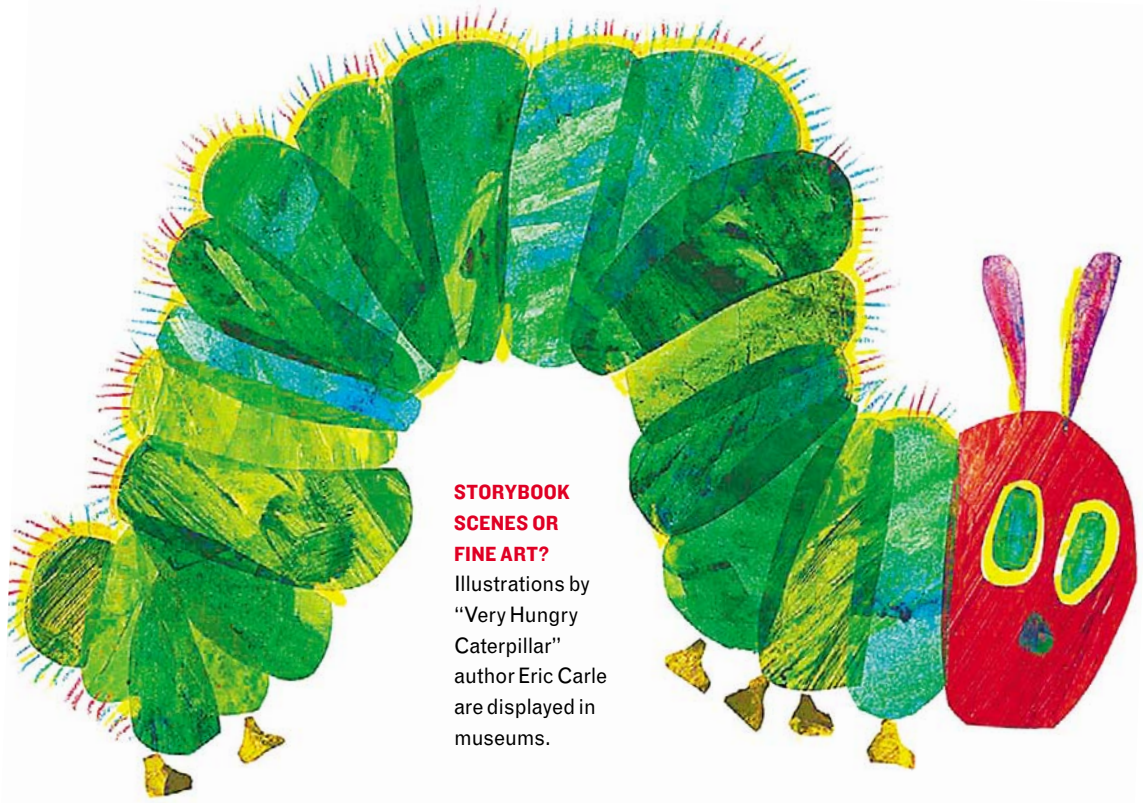

STORYBOOK SCENES OR FINE ART? Illustrations by "Very Hungry Caterpillar" author Eric Carle are displayed in museums.

Art

The Very Cosmopolitan Caterpillar

Illustrations from popular kids' books gain highbrow status

They're not the "Mona Lisa" or "Whistler's Mother," but images like the Cat in the Hat, the Very Hungry Caterpillar and other icons of illustrated children's books are gaining respect in highbrow art circles.

Once seen as fun but forgettable, the genre is now being featured in mainstream museums and dissected in college art courses.

And as respect for children's book art grows, the money follows. Buyers are purchasing the illustrations as investments and philanthropists are stepping up, as in the case of the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, which recently received a $1 million gift, its largest donation since it opened in 2002.

Some experts say the reason is simple: More art lovers are recognizing that whimsy and significance aren't mutually exclusive.

"It's undervalued as an art form. The great children's book artists are drawing from art history and the trends of their times," said H. Nichols B. Clark, director of the Carle Museum, which features numerous artists and houses pieces from Carle's decades-long career, including his signature Hungry Caterpillar.

"What is especially wonderful about these illustrations is that in this art form, the playing field is leveled. Sometimes the child has more to say about the image than the adult," he said.

Money can be a touchy subject among art enthusiasts, some of whom question whether commercialization tarnishes inspiration.

But some experts say a sure sign of a genre's acceptance is when museums, collectors and philanthropists willingly open their wallets for it, which is increasingly the case with picture book art.

"You can quibble about the critical side of the art, but the market is bearing out that, yes, original children's book artwork is getting out there," said Timothy Young, an author on the topic and curator of Yale University's Betsy Beinecke Shirley Collection of American Children's Literature.

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> **H. NICHOLS B. CLARK,** ERIC CARLE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Illustrated children's books have long filled the bookshelves of American homes, ranging from Dorothy Kunhardt's simple "Pat the Bunny" touch-and-feel books to the "wild things" of Maurice Sendak's imagination or Leo Lionni's fanciful "Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse."

The advent of modernism in the early 1900s caused some to start viewing picture book illustrations as moneymaking frivolity, not serious art that could stir the soul. Art that was realistic became viewed as less important, Clark said.

Yet even as they were excluded from the mainstream, children's book illustrators often embraced the same trends as other artists, from art deco to surrealism to Warhol-style pop art.

"These artists were in touch with their peers and influenced by them, even if person 'A' was doing kids' books and person 'B' was doing adult stuff," said Young, the Yale curator. "You can often see the common influences if you compare pieces from the same period."

The book illustrations also often reflected social changes, adding cultural significance to the art.

Ezra Jack Keats' 1962 book, "A Snowy Day," for example, was among the first mainstream children's books to feature black characters — not coincidentally, in the midst of a critical time in the civil rights movement.

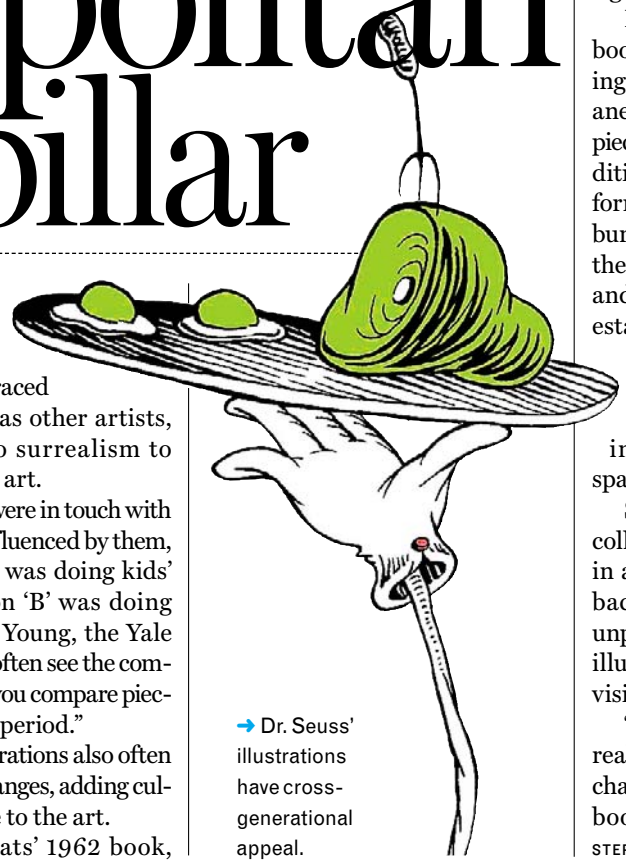
Renewed respect for children's book illustrations started appearing in the early 1980s, led by Japanese museums that displayed the pieces on par with raku pottery, traditional calligraphy and other art forms. The past decade has seen a burst of U.S. museum displays and the growth of facilities to preserve and show it, including the Carle's establishment in Amherst.

Many say the art will have long-term appeal because it crosses generations, introducing kids to art while sparking memories for adults.

Simon Keochakian, 72, an art collector and psychologist trained in art therapy, said even with his background in the field, he was unprepared to accept picture book illustrations as serious art before visiting the Carle.

"As I learned more about it, I realized it's an entire genre," Keochakian said. "[C]hildren's picture book art can be very profound."

STEPHANIE REITZ (AP)



→ Dr. Seuss' illustrations have cross-generational appeal.

LOOK out

Plugged in for Playtime

Toys

High-tech children's games encourage creativity, life skills

Once upon a time, Tinkerbell was known as the magical fairy who helped children fly. Now Disney is summoning the mischievous little sprite from "Peter Pan" to get kids to go online.

In a new virtual world called Disney Fairies Pixie Hollow, girls and boys can become fairies, dress up, fly around, befriend other fairies, and help paint lady bugs, teach baby birds to fly or go on other nature-related quests. It's packaged as the world of Tinkerbell, and her job is to make nature happen.

More children's toys are incorporating an online component, extending the world of imagination from sand boxes and toy boxes to the computer screen, blurring the distinction on the way. Seeing the success of Webkinz, big-name companies and unheard-of startups alike are tapping into their own imaginations to try to develop unique interactive sites for kids. It's a tight race to produce the most compelling place for the already over-scheduled kids they're trying to attract.

MARY KOLESNIKOVA/AP

Gemma Fa-Kaji, 7, uses Handipoints, an online chore-tracking program for kids.

And for parents, the games can present new challenges as they wonder what stimulates kids' creativity and what may stifle it, or whether some games focus too much on consumption.

But toy-makers often emphasize the real-world skills or socialization the games may encourage.

> "No longer will you be passively watching these famous fairies, who you've always had this distant, passive relationship with."
>
> **STEVE PARKIS**, DISNEY ONLINE

Disney's new virtual world, which the company says will launch this year, will be part of Disneyfairies.com, where kids can create and dress up fairy avatars.

When the Pixie Hollow site goes live, it will be accompanied by a line of real-life toys called Clickables. Created by Hong Kong-based toy company Techno Source, they are bracelets and charms with tiny computer chips built in that share bits of information when pressed to each other. If a girl has a bracelet, which will sell for $19.99, she can click it to a friend's bracelet, and then their fairy avatars will be friends in the online world of Pixie Hollow.

"No longer will you be passively watching these famous fairies, who you've always had this distant, passive relationship with," says Steve Parkis, senior vice president for Disney Online. "You'll be interacting with them."

Other games are more solitary. A New York-based startup called Intellitoys sells a stuffed animal called smart-e-bear, which comes with built-in music you can access by squeezing a paw or downloading onto a computer.

For the young sci-fi fan, there's Test Tube Aliens — a toy whose extraterrestrial life you "hatch" in a real-world test tube, and whose age, health and sleep you monitor online at Testtubealiens.com.

Some sites focus on good conduct. A new site aimed at parents and kids assigns rewards (real and virtual) to a chore list. Say goodbye to gold-star stickers and hello to new accessories for your avatar!

At Handipoints.com, parents can program in a point system alongside virtual awards created by the developers. A kid who makes his bed might earn two points toward a new DVD from Mom. The idea is to give kids incentive for doing what they should do anyway.

HILLARY RHODES (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Decreasingly cloudy, breezy	Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Cloudy, rain possible	Partly sunny, windy, colder	Partly sunny
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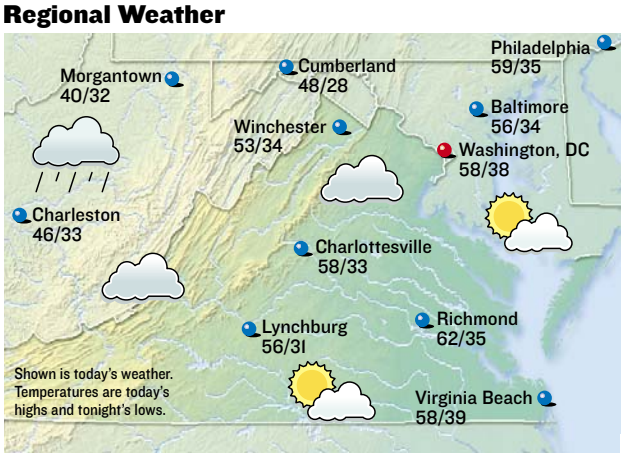
Regional Weather



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Temperature

High	72°
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Normal high	52°
Normal low	34°
Average humidity	64%

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24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.44"
Year to date	5.54"
Last year to date	5.44"
Normal year to date	6.39"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, decreasingly cloudy, breezy. High 58. Wind west-northwest 12-25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38. Wind north 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:34 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:05 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:28 a.m.
Moonset today	4:03 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
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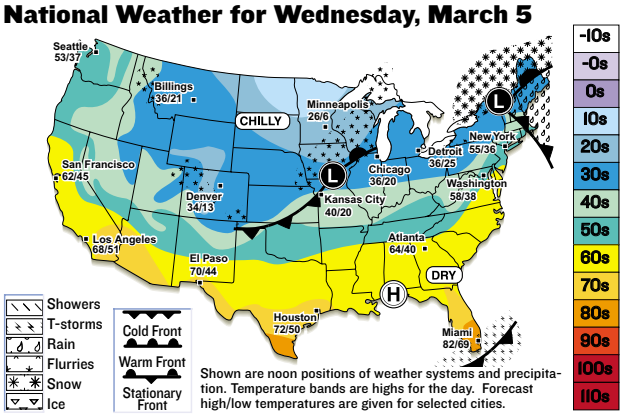

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Chicago	36/20/sf	32/16/c
Dallas	62/40/pc	45/32/r
Denver	34/13/sn	36/18/sf
Honolulu	82/69/s	82/69/s
Los Angeles	68/51/pc	72/49/s
Miami	82/69/t	83/72/t
New York City	55/36/r	50/37/pc
Orlando	74/53/s	78/63/t
Seattle	53/37/s	55/40/c

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	45/37/sf	48/39/c
Athens	66/48/pc	64/50/c
Berlin	37/27/pc	39/32/sh
Buenos Aires	73/63/r	75/59/c
Calgary	38/17/pc	48/24/pc
Dublin	50/43/pc	50/43/pc
Geneva	30/22/sn	41/31/pc
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Tokyo	48/36/pc	50/37/s

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Styles | Look out

HILLARY RHODES/AP

BARGAIN BUYS: Abercrombie & Fitch jeans ($10, left), a Gap safari-style jacket ($15, right) and metallic Calvin Klein white-label loafers ($18, below).

Secondhand Spree

Before shelling out for the latest trends, check Goodwill first

Go ahead, visit a secondhand store: It's good for your wallet. It's good for the environment. It might even be good for your cluttered closet.

On a recent shopping spree, $88 scored three outfits, including an of-the-moment safari-inspired Max Studio wrap dress with the tags still on it, and a pair of Calvin Klein shoes with soles that have never touched the ground. It also spawned good intentions to bring to Goodwill several unworn items that hang in the closet two sizes too small.

HILLARY RHODES/AP

The mission: to find clothes that represented current fashion trends, even if the clothes themselves weren't new. Since what goes around comes around in the world of fashion, you can always find old styles that look fresh even if "vintage" isn't your look.

The savings could be significant, if relative. A Gap safari-style jacket in khaki twill was $9.99 from Goodwill; a two-piece Carolina Herrera evening outfit that would normally have a four-figure price tag was $275 at Designer Label Consignment.

Joleen Higgin, a teacher from Redwood City, Calif., recently scored a full-length cashmere coat for $10 and new Salvatore Ferragamo boots for $50.

For her, it's not just a bargain, it's a pleasant shopping experience. Sifting through rack after rack of used clothing may not sound like a good time. But many secondhand stores are laid out like a typical retail store — and the merchandise can be similar, particularly if you scour wealthy areas.

"I often go as a way to wind down from work," Higgin says. "It's kind of like 'Cheers.' ... They all know me, it's a friendly environment."

Laurie Perren, owner of the four Roundabout Designer Closeouts & Consignments stores in Fairfield County and neighboring Westchester County, N.Y., says that some of her top consignors do their shopping in Europe and want to be the first to wear something. That means the following year, when they clean their closet and bring the item to her, the garment actually is in line with the trends.

"High-end designers come out with things the general public isn't ready for until a year later," Perren says. "They will seem really on target the next season because everyone has accepted the trend and is ready to buy it."

On the flip side, only the most fashion-conscious people would notice the difference between this year's pinstripe Dolce & Gabbana pantsuit from last year's "except it's $450 here instead of $2,500."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

Beauty

Fafi Is Watching You

Iridescent is the new matte, and nowhere is this truism more evident than in MAC's spring collection, **FAFI**. The packaging is designed by the eponymous artist, who inspired the collection, and features three buxom lasses called — we kid you not — the Fafinettes. There are apparently matching dolls. The biggest draw for us was the lipsticks, which look dark in the tube but go on as nonsticky gloss with a touch of opalescence. The Belightful bronzer is similar — shimmery sans sparkle. Beware the blush, however, if it's subtlety you seek. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Icy Hot — Or Is It Not?

The Icy Hot tingling feeling created by Lancome's **OMBRE GLACEE COOLING GEL ILLUMINATOR** ($22, Lancome-usa.com) doesn't make up for its lack of oomph as an eye "illuminator." It either creates a barely visible silver dust on the eyelids or becomes an obvious sparkling streak when smudged out to the cheekbone. (Hello, Hannah Montana concert!) Trying to find a use, we rubbed the cooling gel on our carpal tunnel, but it just made our skin look brittle, as if covered by a film of dried Elmer's Glue.

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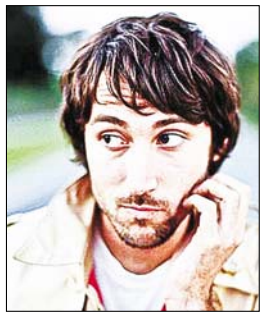
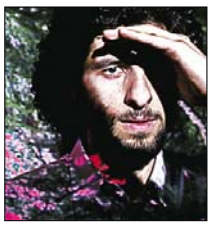


MUSIC

Skate Rock

Jack Johnson signed Matt Costa to his Brushfire Records label, perhaps feeling a kindred spirit: Johnson is a surfer, and Costa is a former pro skateboarder. Both are folky singer-songwriters from California. Rudi Greenberg spoke with Costa, who plays at the 9:30 Club on Wednesday. | COMING UP



ENTERTAINMENT

Quiet Nights

Swedish singer José González is as articulate and soft-spoken as his songs, which are so delicate they make Nick Drake sound like a metalhead. González performs at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue on Wednesday, and Matt Siblo caught up with the quiet crooner. | COMING UP

FREE RIDE

Anthem Idol

We asked Chris Mincher whether he likes "American Idol," loves hockey and can carry a tune. In perfect pitch, he belted, "No!" But we sent him to ESPN Zone anyway for "Capitals Anthem Idol" to see who will tackle the anthem at a future Caps game. | COMING UP

comment board

"Due to the recent writers' strike, there is no original programming on [the] air. 'American Idol' is taking advantage of that."

COMMENTER JEV, WHO ADDED, "ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING OF NIGHTTIME TV WILL BEGIN AGAIN SOON AND SHOULD CUT INTO 'IDOL'S' RATINGS."

"Do you think every single network has been overdoing it for the past year covering the presidential primary elections?"

COMMENTER COME ON NOW!, WHO ADDED, "IF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WATCH IT, THEY WILL BROADCAST IT — CHANGE THE CHANNEL IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT."

"My family loves 'Idol.' I freely admit to feeling a little let down when we get home on Monday night and there's no 'Idol' on. What's wrong with a little kid-friendly, late-winter indulgence?"

COMMENTER LINUS, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK FOX IS OVERDOING IT BY AIRING 'AMERICAN IDOL' THREE TIMES A WEEK?"

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

DO YOU THINK FOX IS OVERDOING IT BY AIRING 'AMERICAN IDOL' THREE TIMES A WEEK?

84% YES

16% NO

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP

Blog LOG

"It is 50 years since John Kenneth Galbraith wrote about 'private affluence and public squalor.' Here's an example right here in Woodley Park."

WASHINGTONOCULUS.BLOGSPOT.COM RELAYS A MESSAGE FROM A WOODLEY PARK ONLINE MESSAGE BOARD ABOUT LAX PET POOP SCOOPING ALONG EXCLUSIVE WOODLAND DRIVE.

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"Not only do you get to see, and, presumably, smell her, but your skin starts oozing brown sugar. Sweet!"

THESUPERFICIAL.COM IS EXCITED BY A DOCTOR'S DIAGNOSING AMY WINEHOUSE WITH IMPETIGO, A SKIN CONDITION INVOLVING OOZING RED SORES THAT EVENTUALLY FORM A YELLOW CRUST.

"I HAVE A GOOD JOB, and I'm surrounded by loving people but I can't shake the terrible feeling that life is whistling past while I sit in the corner staring at a glowing screen. The seas are warming, ice is melting, and we're all just pushing pixels around."

ANDIAMNOTLYING.COM IS WONDERING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS.

"WHAT WON'T MAKE a big difference is mass transit that addresses only 20 percent of all trips and cannot economically address the ever-growing proportion of non-radial trips due to low-residential density resulting from 50 years of snob zoning."

A **RAISINGKAINE.COM** COMMENTER PINPOINTS THE ROOT OF VIRGINIA'S TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING QUANDARY.

"I FINALLY ACCEPTED the fact that glaring at my gut wouldn't make it go away, nor would saying mean things to it. No matter how nasty I was to it, it would just shrug and suggest going to Five Guys."

THEDCUNIVERSE.BLOGSPOT.COM IS TRYING TO REFORM HIS UNHEALTHY WAYS.

Discussions

Spring Fashions

Deputy Editor of the Sunday Source **SUZANNE D'AMATO** and washingtonpost.com Fashion and Beauty Editor **JANET BENNETT KELLY** were online Tuesday and offered advice on what to wear and where to find it.

I am eight months out from my wedding, and the entire family is coming in this weekend to go dress shopping with me. Where would you recommend going in NoVa or D.C. that has affordable, beautiful dresses?

I believe Hitch in Georgetown has a variety of price points for wedding gowns. Then there's Jeanette's Bride in Manassas, which also carries a wide range of gowns in different prices. And there's David's Bridal, which has several locations.

I have two black-tie events coming up: one in April and one in June. I would like to buy a dress that would work for both of them. Would red be too much for spring?

Crayola colors such as yellow and electric blue are very in for spring. Look for dresses from designers like Nanette Lepore, Tibi and Alice + Olivia for the latest looks. But, more importantly, find what looks good on you.

Regarding Rihanna's pink jeans: I just bought a pair of aqua jeans from Ann Taylor Loft this past weekend but haven't worn them yet. Are the pastel jeans okay for us mere mortals to wear?

In general, I would say they're tricky to pull off without looking like a cast member from "Adventures in Babysitting." They're just soooo 1980s. That said, I liked Rihanna's take — with the studded bracelet and black layered tops, she looked pretty and punk.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Want to work for the feds? Career counselor Derrick Dortch offers advice on how to break into the public sector at 11 a.m. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

DO

GET READY FOR A NEW D.C. ARMORY. The D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission wants to overhaul the largely unused D.C. Armory, transforming it into a 10,000-seat concert hall and expo center. The commission wants to spend $1.5 million to install an AC system and improve bathrooms.

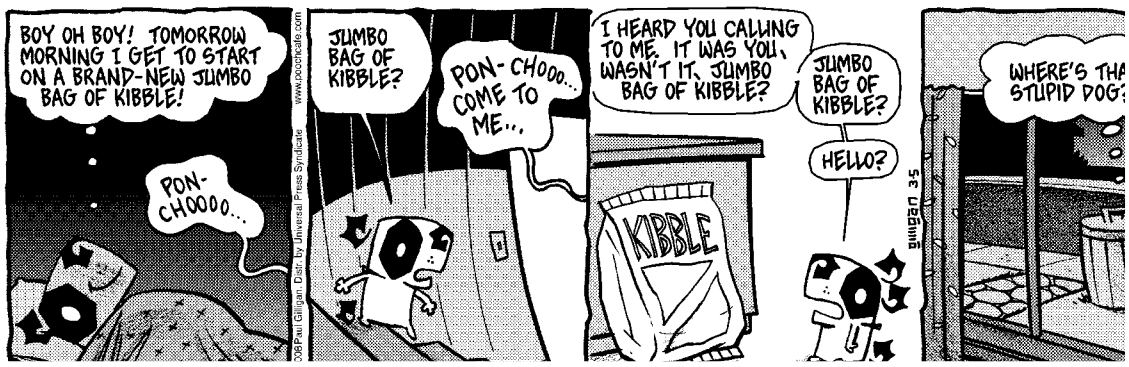
Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

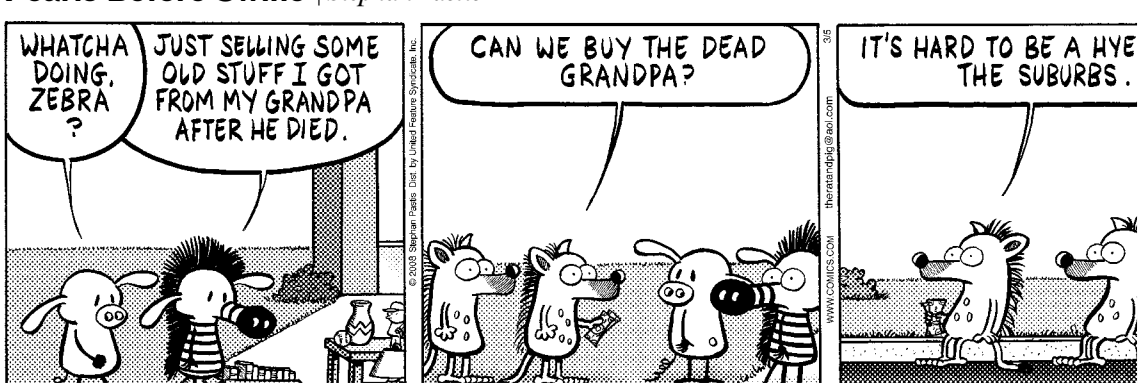
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"I always return to the scene of the crime. Is that normal?"

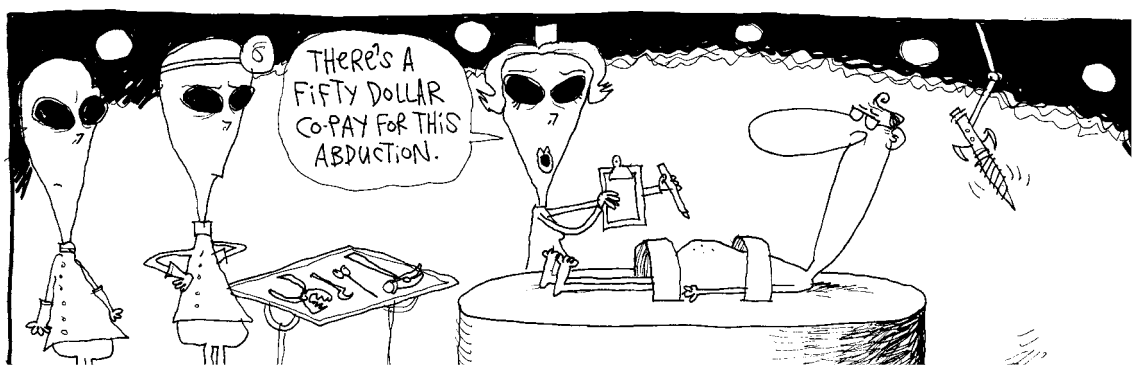
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) What you used to do in the old days that worked so well for you may be worth a second try at this time. You can put on quite a good show.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Why take something that works so well for you and change it? Leave well enough alone. Enjoy the fruits of your labors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're likely to get more than you bargained for from a Libra native who has become involved in your affairs at the workplace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you feel you are an expert at telling others just what it is you really want, you can be even a little more aggressive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's time to work more closely with others. Cooperation can increase your chances of success and bring you greater rewards than expected.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep your spirits up and you can be a shining example to others whose situations are not nearly as complex as your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can impress others with what you don't do just as dramatically as with what you do. Things unsaid are heard loud and clear.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't ignore or discount messages and signs that you do not understand. Do everything you can to increase awareness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A trend is continuing that allows you to take further advantage of circumstances that take you very much by surprise. Focus on new information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Collaborate with others if you so choose, but realize that there are certain things that you can do only on your own, in moments of solitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Someone may be keeping important information from you. If that's the case, you'll have to make a key decision based solely on instinct.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The more you say, the more others are likely to pass you by. Speak only when you insist on being heard, and you'll be satisfied.

Letters

Veggie Burgers Are Safest

YOUR PIECE ON non-beef burgers ("Burger, But Hold the Beef," March 4) without beef was flawed on several levels. I can't speak for the safety of buffalo burgers, but I imagine that if bison become as mass produced and slaughtered as cows are today, they could fall victim to some of the same illnesses that have crept into the beef supply. Chickens and turkeys may not fall victim to spongiform encephalopathies, but they do get contaminated with campylobacter and salmonella, not to mention the bird flu virus, which has already claimed human lives. Tuna and other fish are often contaminated with mercury, and pregnant women are encouraged to watch their consumption of such fish. The safest burger one can eat is one of the many varieties of veggie burgers that exist. In addition, veggie burgers do have one thing animal-based burgers don't: fiber.

—DANIELLE KICHLER
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1770 The Boston Massacre takes place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists open fire, killing five people.

1946 Winston Churchill delivers his famous "Iron Curtain" speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

1953 Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin dies after three decades in power.

AP/FILE

Joseph Stalin, right, died today in 1953.

1982 Comedian John Belushi is found dead at age 33.

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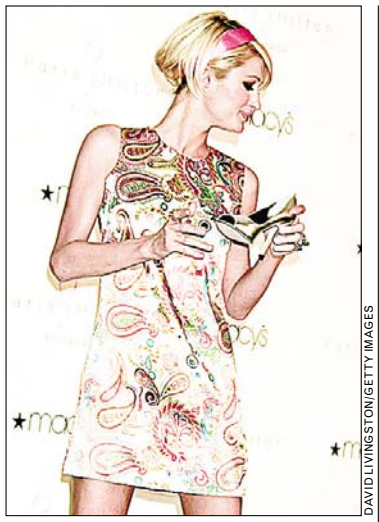
ISSUES

Hey — We Have Fever Dreams of Paris, Too!

NBC is pumping up the return of "My Name is Earl" with a guest shot of **PARIS HILTON**, who appears as herself in a dream sequence. Earl has been knocked unconscious, and various things from his life and imagination bleed into his fevered mind. Her appearance will come in the one-hour episode on April 3, the first new material following the writers' strike settlement. "When we wrote the role of Paris Hilton in the script, we weren't exactly sure who to go with for the role," joked Greg Garcia, the show's executive producer. (AP)



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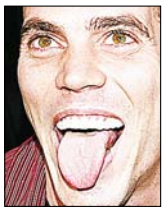
A concession of the writers is to put Paris in all shows once per season.

VANDALS

The Lamest Arrest Ever?



STEVE-O of "Jackass" fame was arrested for investigation of vandalism and possession of a controlled substance at his Hollywood home. Police arrested the 33-year-old co-star of MTV's prank-filled program at 5 a.m. Monday after a neighbor made a citizen's arrest following a dispute over a fence. Steve-O was booked at a Hollywood police station on suspicion of vandalism and an outstanding traffic warrant. (AP)

BABIES

Offspring Successfully Extracted, Publicized

JERI RYAN and her husband, French chef Christophe Eme, have a new family member. The 40-year-old actress gave birth Sunday to daughter Gisele in Los Angeles, her publicist David Lust announced. "Both parents are thrilled. Jeri is resting comfortably, and Christophe is playing the part of proud new papa quite well," Lust said. Ryan also has a 13-year-old son, Alex. (AP)

MONTY BRINTON/CBS

Mark of a great actress: You can't tell whether she's happy or miserable.

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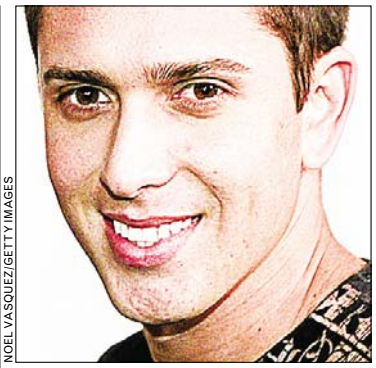
WE HEART HER

Bai Even Crazier

BAI LING says she made an "innocent mistake" when she allegedly took a pack of batteries and two Star magazines at Los Angeles International Airport without paying for them. The actress faces a $250 fine for allegedly shoplifting $16.22 worth of items. She later said she was having an "emotionally crazy" day because she and her boyfriend broke up right before Valentine's Day. (AP)



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This is an affront to Frenchie, and us all.

UNFAIR

Yet, That Girl Who Posed Topless Got Kicked Out

DAVID HERNANDEZ won't be stripped of his chance to compete on "American Idol." A person close to the show said that there were no plans to remove Hernandez from competition, despite the semifinalist's past as a male stripper. The 24-year-old once worked as an adult entertainer in Phoenix. (AP)

NON-SURPRISES

'N Sync and Backstreet Founded on Web of Lies

The creator of the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync has agreed to plead guilty to charges he laundered money and made false statements during a bankruptcy proceeding. **LOU PEARLMAN** will appear in court Thursday, according to a plea agreement. Federal prosecutors accuse Pearlman of lying to investors to raise millions of dollars for fake companies. They say the total loss to investors is estimated at more than $300 million. The deal says Pearlman will help investigators develop cases and testify against others who helped in his schemes. (AP)

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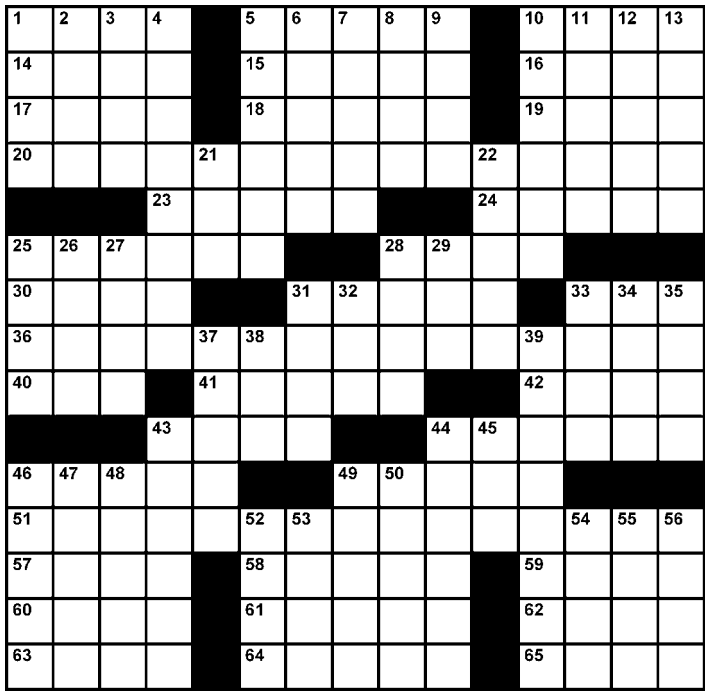

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5 Hardly cutting-edge
10 Failing grades
14 Botanical coat
15 Sonneteer's Muse
16 A drawbridge may span one
17 Trademarked fruit name
18 Less ambiguous
19 Down in the dumps
20 Protest formally
23 Atlas emulators
24 Ancient Cuzco natives
25 They were driven in the Old West
28 Supply funding for
30 A little of a large lot?
31 All-knowing one
33 Baseball great Gehrig
36 Get a bit wild, in a way
40 Place to drive from?
41 Receiver of prayers
42 It's more important with lines
43 "___ Flux"
44 Joan of Arc, e.g.
46 Carb-loaded meal
49 1777 battle site near Philadelphia
51 It may be achieved in a hospital
57 Woodpecker's creation
58 Canyon cousin
59 Beauty bar
botanical
60 Workers in a colony
61 "The Nevadan," e.g.
62 Loses verticality
63 "Batman" star Adam
64 Hardly permissive
65 Word that used to precede "Germany"

DOWN
1 Act the trucker
2 Fifty-oared ship
3 ___ the lily
4 Ignored intentionally
5 Halvah ingredient
6 It may begin with a handshake
7 "Appalachian Spring" composer Copland
8 Tabloid twosome
9 Hamlet
10 Build up, as a river's edge
11 Kind of acid
12 Flora partner
13 "Let it stand" orders
21 Aquatic shocker
22 Allowable
25 Use a fly rod
26 Bit of infirmity
27 Arboretum specimen
28 One who takes to the bottle?
29 "All Alone ___" (Brenda Lee hit)
31 It can find furniture in the dark
32 Comedian's asset
33 Heist haul
34 "Employees ___" (store sign)
35 Computer buyer
37 Suitable in every way
38 "The one" played by Keanu
39 Annoy
43 If everything goes right
44 Part of MOMA
45 "The Thousand and One Nights" hero
46 "As if!"
47 Be penitent
48 Popeye's buddies
49 ___-cochere (covered carriage entrance)
50 Emotional heat
52 Causes of personality clashes
53 Assembly of minks?
54 Figure skater Kulik
55 "Clumsy me!"
56 Avian haunt

Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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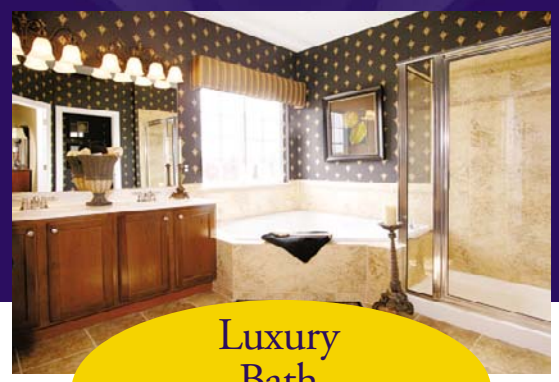

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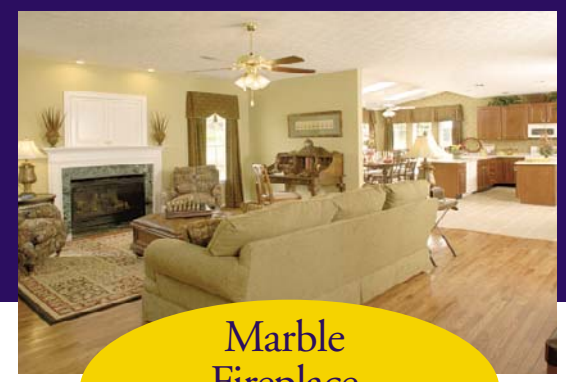

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Berkeley County

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Jefferson County

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Sussex County, Delaware—Welcome to the Beach

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To Visit: Rte. 1S. Proceed through stoplight for Rte. 9/404 in Lewes. Right on Shady Rd. by Grotto's Pizza. Community entrance is on the left. Model is on the right. **Call 1-800-504-1871 or 302-645-9338.**

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